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Loretta Jackson DeLong died Sunday at 68.

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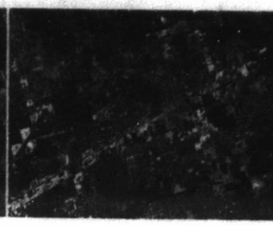

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Christi Craddick to chair Railroad Commission

Initiatives include giving Trump administration 'Texas perspective'

By Mella McEwen
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As a new president and his administration take office next month, expectations are that changes will include new directions in the nation's energy policy.

"I'm excited. (President-elect) Trump has a similar philosophy and an appreciation for the oil and gas industry," Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick said in a phone interview from her Austin office.

The Midland native is assuming chairmanship of the three-member commission and said she looks forward to working with the new secretary of energy on energy policy.

She expressed hope the new administration will continue to work with the industry and push to eliminate some of the current mandates.

"I hope we get a good Environmental Protection Agency administrator" who will refine the rules under the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act, Craddick said.

"I look forward to working with an administration that appreciates the industry and will make the industry not so nervous and more willing to invest," she said. "Despite the last eight years, the industry has done a good job of developing technology and their operations, even with onerous rules and regulations that don't make sense," all the while continuing to protect the environment.

"Look at the strides in the industry itself. Look at how the EPA does things versus how the Railroad Commission does things," Craddick said. "We work with the industry on rules that continue to protect the environment but make sense and don't drive away investors.

"This new administration will be a real plus for Texas and for people who are trying to create jobs," she said.

Despite her optimism, she said, "I think it will take some time. (These regulatory rollbacks) won't happen overnight."

Craddick also serves as a member of the National Petroleum Council, and as such "the new secretary of energy will get the Texas perspective," she said.

Narrowing her focus to the state, she expressed confidence the agency will finally complete its sunset review in the upcoming legislative session, its third consecutive review.

"I ran for the commission because I feel it's a very important agency. We've responded to the Legislature and I feel we've come a long way. The groups with business in front of us seem to appreciate how more open and efficient we are. I'm crossing my fingers we'll complete the review."

Funding will be the biggest challenge this legislative cycle, she said.

"In 2011, we became fee-based, which was wonderful with oil at $100. But prices fell to $27 and are now around $50 and that's a challenge. Our goal is to be fully funded and do our job well," Craddick said.

Despite the downturn, the industry has continued to grow, adding 40,000 more miles of pipeline and drilling or taking out drilling permits for 200,000 more wells, Craddick said.

"We have to do our job. We bring in more dollars than we're allocated and our goal is to keep more of the dollars we bring in."

Craddick said she and her fellow commissioners will discuss with legislators the agency's need for consistent revenue sources. They have already put a lot of work into their budget request, she said.

In August, she launched the Texas Oilfield Relief Initiative, designed to ease the regulatory burden on the industry while improving the commission's efficiency. She said as chairman she will continue that focus on improved efficiencies, both through technology improvements and reviewing rules and processes.

She said she will encourage the agency's staff to offer their ideas on efficiency improvements and cost savings — from pointing out that a form hasn't been used in 50 years and should be eliminated, to improving the agency's information technology and making public access to data more transparent and effective.

To ensure the agency can keep up with advances through its rules and regulations, she plans to meet with state oil and gas operators in the spring to discuss what they see as upcoming technological advances in oil and gas production over the next five years.

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Early-morning happy hour

MRT file photo

Patrons fill the tables in the diner portion of Basin Burger House in January 2013 during the opening day lunch. The restaurant is now allowed by the Planning and Zoning Commission to serve alcohol beginning at 9 a.m. on Sundays.

Basin Burger House gets OK to change alcohol hours — but only on Sunday

By Trevor Hawes
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A warning from the city prompted Basin Burger House to request a change to its alcohol permit at Monday's Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

Basin Burger House requested an amendment to its specific-use permit with term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages as it pertains to service hours. The restaurant requested service hours start at 9 a.m. and end at midnight Sunday through Saturday. Currently, the hours start at 11 a.m.

Basin Burger House wants earlier hours on Sunday to accommodate its brunch crowd. Planning Division Manager Jessica Carpenter said during the public hearing that the city had learned the restaurant has been serving alcohol before 11 a.m. on Sundays.

Carpenter said Basin Burger House is operating in a "gray area." Alcohol service before 11 a.m. is not allowed under its current specific use permit with the city but is permitted by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Either way, Carpenter said the city encouraged Basin Burger House to change its permit.

The restaurant sought an across-the-board change to begin alcohol service at 9 a.m., but city staff recommended amending the request to only approve Sunday service starting at that hour, keeping all other days the same. The commission approved the measure with city staff's suggested change by a 7-0 vote.

There weren't any representatives for Basin Burger House present at Monday's hearing. The permit change must still be approved by City Council, which can further amend the permit.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

■ The commission approved 7-0 a request to amend Brew Street's specific use permit with term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages. The approval increases the service area to include Brew Street's patio.

■ The commission approved 7-0 a request by THDT Investment Inc. to amend its zone change to Amended Planned District for a Shopping Center for the area of Loop 250 where Carl's Jr. and Wienerschnitzel operate. City staff said an ordinance change from 2014 was never made. The error was discovered in October, and Monday's vote corrected the issue.

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Superintendent search begins with MISD board workshop

By Stewart Doreen
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The search for a new superintendent at Midland ISD starts today.

The Midland ISD board of trustees will meet with officials from the Center for Reform in School Systems for board training. The workshop is scheduled for 5 p.m. in the administration building.

CRSS, according to its website, is a Houston-based company that "encourages schools boards and superintendents to lead for transformational change designed to improve student achievement and close achievement gaps."

For Midland ISD, improvement is a requirement. The school district has experienced a free-fall when it comes to achievement and performance issues, dropping from slightly above-average to one of the worst-performing large school districts in the state. MISD also is having serious issues with chronically poor performance on some campuses. It was that performance issue that required Midland ISD board members to meet with TEA officials last week for mandatory training sessions.

In August, MISD learned nine of its campuses will carry the "IR" or "improvement required" designation this academic year. That total is down from 11 the last two academic years. Of those nine, three are facing longer stints. Milam and South elementaries made the IR list for the fourth straight year. Crockett Elementary is on the list for the sixth straight year — one of at least the five longest streaks in the state, according to the TEA.

The board will pick a new superintendent to reverse the course of academic achievement set during the tenures of the two most previous superintendents — Sylvester Perez and Ryder Warren. MISD experienced steep declines during both administrations, according to information from Education Resource Group.

Board President Rick Davis said CRSS will help the board set expectations and communicate those expectations with a potential search firm and with potential superintendent candidates.

CRSS training, according to its website, "covers topics and builds skills that are often overlooked in traditional board training where the focus is on

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The big number

Last year's Oscars had **34.3 million viewers,** an 11-year low for the awards show. Get more on this year's ceremony on Page 5A.

Word of the Day: virgule

Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Obituaries

D. D. "PeeWee" Poynor

On December 3, 2016, PeeWee passed away peacefully, from a brief illness.

He was born Dean Dorman, Jr., November 21, 1929, at home in Ranger, Texas, to Dean Dorman, Sr. and Nancy Jane Kiser Poynor. PeeWee graduated from Ranger High School and took a bus that very night to West Texas where he started working the next day. He started his career as a truck driver early and hauled cattle/sheep for Arky Glidewell before settling down in Big Lake, Texas.

PeeWee married Darlyne Miller on August 17, 1950; they remained in Big Lake and together raised a family of four boys.

In 1957, due to his strong work ethic and determination, he purchased a single bulldozer that he successfully transformed into a family business known as D.D. Poynor Construction. Over the years, he worked his sons and raised them around the business, where they shared his same values and principles. He also employed several family members and gained life-long friendships with other employees and businessmen around West Texas. He was a one-of-a-kind role model and friend.

Throughout his time, PeeWee served as a Director at Reagan State Bank and was named Businessman of the Year by the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce. He was known throughout West Texas for his hard work, generous spirit, and his love to sit and share stories. He was an avid Cowboys fan and enjoyed many years of season tickets, especially during Tom Landry's time. He also had a soft heart for animals and brought home many strays, including dogs, cats, goats, deer, rabbits, and even prairie-dogs.

He is rejoicing in Heaven with three sons, Buddy, Wayne, and Winn Poynor; his parents; three brothers, Willie, Wesley, and Jack Poynor; and a special nephew, Ricky Poynor.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Darlyne; one son, Joe D. Poynor and wife Debbie of Breckenridge, Texas; two daughters-in-law, Letha Poynor of Big Lake, and Marla Poynor and husband Britt, also of Big Lake; his beloved grandchildren, J.D. Poynor and his wife Carrie of San Angelo, Texas, Shane Poynor and his wife Sarah of Breckenridge, Amy Poynor Evans and her husband Kelly of Midland, Texas, Shawn Poynor and his wife Anita of San Angelo, and Whitney Poynor Brandon and her husband Jacob of San Angelo; nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Ruth Franklin of Graham, Texas; as well as several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, J.D. Poynor, Shane Poynor, and Shawn Poynor; grandsons-in-law, Kelly Evans and Jacob Brandon; and great-grandsons, Zane Poynor and Alex Evans.

Honorary pallbearers include J.L. Allen, Dale Fisher, Norman Guess, Tommy Holt, Mikel Jones, Terry Jones, Everett Miller, Britt Poynor, Bill Schneemann, Wayne Smith, C.R. Sproul, and John Wilha.

A viewing will be held Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Big Lake. Directly following, at 2:00 p.m., will be a memorial service to celebrate and honor his life.

Marilyn Chase

Services for Marilyn are scheduled at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the Artesia High School Auditorium. Mike Elliott will officiate at the services with burial to follow at Twin Oaks Memorial Park. Visitation will be Tuesday, December 6, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Terpening & Son Mortuary.

Marilyn Yvonne Chase passed away Saturday, December 3, 2016 in Ruidoso, New Mexico. She will be remembered as a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend who could bring a smile to everyone around her. Marilyn loved spending time with her family and dear friends, travelling, western movies, scrapbooking, and going to country music concerts. She was a member of Clarke Memorial Methodist Church and a founder of the Chase Foundation.

Marilyn was born on July 9, 1935 in Headrick, Oklahoma, the daughter of Curtis and Inez Stack. On November 20, 1953, she married the love of her life, Mack Chase, in Carlsbad, New Mexico. They recently celebrated their 63rd anniversary.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Terry Lynn; her parents; brother, C.P. Stack; sister, Jeannette Richardson; and brother-in-law, Lewis Richardson.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Mack Chase of the home; sons, Robert and wife Deb of Artesia, and Richard and wife Karla of Artesia; daughter, Gerene and husband Greg of Lubbock, Texas; and grandchildren, Chance and wife Claire and their children, Cash and Collins of Roswell, Kortney of Austin, Texas, Derek of Artesia, and Jacey, Delaney, and Dallas of Lubbock.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Terpening & Son Mortuary. Please remember Mrs. Chase online at *www.artesiafunerals.com*.

Death Notices

Joan E. Neagle

Joan E. Neagle, 73, passed away December 3, 2016.

The family will accept guests from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, December 8, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church Chapel at 1:00 p.m., Friday, December 9, 2016. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Survivors include one brother; her children, Edwin Guy Faught, Jo Caye Anderson, and Tina Colombus; and her husband's children, Dale E. Neagle and Tanya S. Johnson.

Kenneth Dale Saunders

Kenneth Dale Saunders, 72, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, December 3, 2016.

No services will be held at this time.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Nelda; daughters, Tonya Giles and Lisa Tenney; and one brother.

LaQuetta "Quettie" Ann Floyd

LaQuetta "Quettie" Ann Floyd, 70 of Midland, passed away on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

Memorial services will be on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at West Kentucky Baptist Church at 4:00 p.m. Please have all floral arrangements directed to West Kentucky Baptist Church, 1507 W. Kentucky Ave, Midland, TX 79701.

She is survived by her son, Wally Reeves; daughter, Shanna Reeves; and two siblings.

Lola Margaret Langley (Marge)

Lola Margaret Langley (Marge) passed away at the age of 81 on December 5, 2016.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016.

Memorial services will be Thursday, December 8, 2016 at First Baptist Chapel at 9:00 a.m.

Stephen Matthew Gibson

Stephen Matthew Gibson, 61 of Midland, passed away on Sunday, December 4, 2016.

Viewing will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be at First Baptist Church Chapel on Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include wife, Sharon Gibson; daughter, Ashley Welch; daughter, Kari Jones; and one brother.

CRIME BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man charged with aggravated assault against public servants

A Midland man was arrested Sunday after he allegedly threatened police officers, according to court documents.

Gryder

Matthew Phillip Gryder, 40, was being held Monday on four $75,000 bonds for first-degree felony charges of aggravated assault against a public servant, a $500 bond for a Class A misdemeanor charge of assault causing bodily injury and a $500 bond for a Class A misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest.

Midland police officers responded to a disturbance at about 1:17 a.m. Sunday.

Gryder was arguing with a woman when he struck her twice, according to his arrest affidavit. When four officers tried to obtain a statement from Gryder, he threatened to release a Doberman Pinscher to attack and kill them, according to the affidavit. Gryder then pulled his body away from officers and tried biting them to resist arrest, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of a first-degree felony charge, Gryder could face up to life imprisonment.

Man arrested on aggravated assault charge

A Midland man was arrested Saturday after he allegedly assaulted a woman, according to court documents.

Anderson

Marc Jason Anderson, 38, was being held Monday on a $75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Midland police officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a disturbance at about 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Anderson was arguing with a woman when he pulled her toward him and grabbed a knife, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Anderson could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

XCOR co-founder dies in Midland

By Trevor Hawes
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Courtesty Photo

Lorette Jackson DeLong

Loretta "Aleta" Jackson DeLong's passion was aerospace, not only for that which exists, but for making ideas and dreams come true.

DeLong, a founding member of XCOR Aerospace and partner in Agile Aero, succumbed to chemotherapy treatments for ovarian cancer. She died Sunday in Midland. She was 68.

"She was someone who never let the fact that she wanted to do something impossible stop her from doing it," XCOR founding member Jeff Greason said on Monday.

In a statement sent to the Reporter-Telegram, XCOR President and CEO Jay Gibson said: "The entire XCOR family was saddened to learn of the passing of Aleta Jackson DeLong.

As one of the founding partners of XCOR, Aleta was instrumental in forming XCOR's unique and positive personality of innovation, creativity and persistence during our formative years."

In reflecting on DeLong's importance to XCOR, Greason said, "There wouldn't have been an XCOR without Aleta. When we were all laid off from Rotary (Rocket Co.), she really ran around behind the scenes telling us we were too close to quit and we had to try this again."

Greason, who is now the founder of upstart Midland-headquartered Agile Aero, said DeLong's role in XCOR was invaluable in helping ideas become reality but that she always stayed in the background.

"During the time before I came to know her in the late '80s and early '90s, the idea of commercial or reusable space vehicles was a lonely idea to be a champion of," he said. "She was one of a very small number of people running around and keeping that idea alive. She was never somebody who put her name on the front door, but wherever you turned ... you'd find her as the person keeping the community together."

DeLong's first aerospace work was as an engineering co-op from Indiana Institute of Technology working on the Gemini project for McDonnell Aircraft Corp, according to a eulogy provided to the Reporter-Telegram. She left her pursuit of an engineering degree to take care of her ill mother.

She later joined the U.S. Air Force. She worked 10 years as a repair technician for Xerox and wrote science fiction and nonfiction.

DeLong worked for the L-5 society and later became aid to Gen. Daniel Graham and helped create the DC-X, or Clipper Graham, launch vehicle. She also edited the Journal of Practical Applications of Space while with Graham's Strategic Defense Initiative Organization.

She was the office manager of Rotary Rocket Co. and is credited with encouraging fellow XCOR founding members Jeff Greason, Dan DeLong and Doug Jones to "stick with it" after their layoffs from the company's propulsion group.

DeLong earned money as a reporter and editor at the Mojave Desert News while the upstart XCOR grew. She wore many hats at XCOR: purchasing, personnel, bookkeeping, editor, receiving, community outreach and travel.

She and longtime partner Dan DeLong were married this year. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer the next day.

"Her diverse and rich history in and around the space industry as well as serving our great nation in uniform was truly special," Gibson said in his statement. "We at XCOR extend our thoughts and prayers to Dan DeLong and her entire family."

When asked for parting comments, Greason said. "It's hard to capture someone with that much energy in so few words."

Her body of work and her impact on the space community speaks volumes.

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CRADDICK

From 1A

Executive Director Kim Corley has been asked to plan for staff sessions throughout the agency's district offices to ensure that each district is consistently enforcing the rules and enforcement actions.

Craddick is also planning a tour of the Eagle Ford and Permian Basin to meet with local leaders and residents to discuss the impact of the oil and gas industry on their communities.

She said she wants to communicate with those leaders just what the Railroad Commission does, and how it stands ready to help with their concerns, such as carrying out inspections at the request of local leaders.

Both the industry and the agency will be challenged, both short-term and long-term, in finding and retaining good people, Craddick said. The agency especially will be challenged because it can't compete with the salaries offered by industry.

As chairman, she plans to push for staff development, including cross training for inspections and permitting, updated training for inspectors and succession planning, she said.

Ron Cortes/The San Antonio Express-News via AP

A victim, right, from one of two automobiles, background, is taken away after the cars fell into a sinkhole Monday in San Antonio.

Deputy dies when personal car goes into San Antonio sinkhole

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Officials say an off-duty sheriff's deputy has died and two other people hurt when two vehicles plunged into a water-filled sinkhole in San Antonio.

The Bexar (bayr) County Sheriff's Office on Monday identified the victim as 69-year-old Deputy Dora Linda Nishihara (nee-shee-HAR'-uh), who was a courthouse bailiff.

A crane was used to retrieve her personal car from water about 12-feet deep. Nishihara's body was inside the vehicle.

Sheriff's spokesman James Keith says Nishihara was not working Sunday when her vehicle went into the sinkhole. Utility officials say the sinkhole appeared after a sewer line ruptured during heavy rain earlier Sunday.

Authorities say two passers-by rescued a driver after another vehicle that went into the sinkhole Sunday night. That driver and one of his rescuers were treated for minor injuries.

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compliance, not transformation."

"Our Theory of Action for Change is training school board-superintendent teams in Reform Governance in Action to create and empower more effective and productive governance teams. This improvement will lead the transformations needed to drive student achievement gains and close achievement gaps," according to the website.

Cathy Mincberg, president and CEO of CRSS, said there will be a morning training session for new board members, followed by the afternoon workshop. She said a goal of this training is for district to avoid pitfalls during the superintendent hiring process. She said there's a lot more to a candidate than what can be found on a resume, and the training session will help identify areas of interest.

"When boards don't express where they are going or what they want, candidates get hired under incorrect pretenses," Mincberg said. "We want them to understand the person."

Midland ISD and community leaders started the current reform movement, working with Educate Texas on a collective impact format for Midland. Business and foundation leaders paid the bill for the Educate Texas work, which laid the foundation for the Educate Midland group.

Davis said the beginning of the superintendent search comes at a good time as 2017 board members recently completed TEA training that Davis said was "by far the best training I have received as a school board member."

"We have a lot of work to do the next three months to apply the training we received," Davis said. "We knew it was important to get on the same page. This training was perfect timing as it will help us do that."

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virgule
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Winter menaces N. Dakota camp as pipeline protesters dig in

By James Macpherson
Associated Press

CANNON BALL, N.D. — So far, the hundreds of protesters fighting the Dakota Access pipeline have shrugged off the heavy snow, icy winds and frigid temperatures that have swirled around their large encampment on the North Dakota grasslands.

But as they defy government orders to abandon the camp and vow to stay put even after a surprise federal decision to further delay and review the project, demonstrators know the real deep freeze comes when the full force of the Great Plains winter descends on their community of nylon tents and teepees. Life-threatening wind chills and towering snow drifts could mean the greatest challenge is simple survival.

"I'm scared. I'm a California girl, you know?" said Loretta Reddog of Placerville, California, a protester who said she arrived several months ago with her two dogs and has yet to adjust to the harsher climate.

The government had ordered protesters to leave federal land by Monday, though authorities made no noticeable effort to enforce that mandate as the deadline passed. Many demonstrators insist they will stay for as long as it takes to permanently divert the $3.8 billion pipeline, which the Standing Rock Sioux tribe believes threatens sacred sites and a river that provides drinking water for millions of people.

The pipeline is largely complete except for a short segment planned to pass beneath a Missouri River reservoir, and opponents scored a victory during the weekend when the Army Corps said it would deny a permit for the crossing while further assessing potential changes. The company doing the building says it is unwilling to reroute the project.

For several months, the government permitted the gathering, allowing its population to swell. The Seven Council Fires camp began growing in August as it took in the overflow crowd from smaller protest sites nearby. It now covers a half square mile, with living quarters that include old school buses, fancy motorhomes and domelike yurts. Hale bales are piled around some teepees to keep out the wind.

David Goldman/Associated Press

Loretta Reddog, of Placerville, Calif., shovels a walkway to her tent while followed by her dog Gurdee Bean at the Oceti Sakowin camp where people have gathered to protest the Dakota Access oil pipeline Nov. 29 in Cannon Ball, N.D. "I'm scared. I'm a California girl, you know?" said Reddog who arrived several months ago with her two dogs and has yet to adjust to the harsher climate. Reddog has confidence in the camp community. "Everybody's really stepping up and taking care of each other," she said.

There's even a crude corral for horses.

The number of inhabitants has ranged from several hundred to several thousand. It has been called the largest gathering of Native American tribes in a century.

Increasingly, more permanent wooden structures are being erected, even though the Army Corps of Engineers considers them illegal on government property. The Standing Rock Sioux insist the land still belongs to their tribe under a nearly 150-year-old treaty.

Nate Bison, a member of South Dakota's Cheyenne River Sioux, came to the camp after quitting his job in Las Vegas. He said last week that he intends to stay indefinitely, a prospect that may cause him to lose his house in Nevada.

"But since I've lived in these conditions before, to me it's not all that bad," he said.

Camp morale is high, he added, despite the onset of winter.

"Everybody I've talked to, you hear laughter and people just having a good time, enjoying the camaraderie and the support from each other," Bison said. "And the love. People are taking the shirts off their own backs for other people. No one is left out that I've seen."

In the last week, the camp near the confluence of the Missouri and Cannonball rivers has been shrouded in snow, much of it compacted by foot and vehicle traffic. Temperatures hovered in the 20s. This week's forecast calls for single digits and subzero wind chills.

Camp dwellers are getting ready for the hardships of a long stay. Mountains of donated food and water are being stockpiled, as is firewood, much of which has come from outside of North Dakota, the least-forested state in the nation. A collection of Army surplus tents with heating stoves serve as kitchen, dining hall, medical clinic and a camp-run school. Many of the smaller tents have become tattered by the wind.

Thane Maxwell, a 32-year-old Minneapolis native who has been living at the camp since July, said North Dakota's bitter cold will not deter protesters committed to fighting the pipeline, or "black snake" as they call it.

Tribes from the Great Plains states are adept at surviving brutal winters, he said. Others from warmer climes are being taught how to endure the frostbite-inducing temperatures that are sure to come.

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Pearl

From 4A

memories are happy ones, though. She recalls walking and skipping the four blocks or so from her home to the school, meeting friends along the way. They'd be a big group by the time they reached campus.

Seto said the only scary part of the entire war was when military police, carrying guns with fixed bayonets, showed up at her house looking for her father.

Her neighbors, who served in the Navy, suspected he was hoarding food and reported him after he used his painting business truck to load up on Vienna sausage, Spam and rice for friends.

Seto's immigrant parents had trouble communicating with the police. Her brothers explained what their father was doing and gave the police the names of families they were helping. The military police apologized and left, she said.

The families who called the police were good friends of the Setos. Their children played with Seto and her siblings. "They were just afraid. It was a scary time," she said.

Government authorities detained 1,330 Japanese-Americans and Japanese nationals from Hawaii, particularly community leaders like Shinto priests and teachers. Seto said her father was investigated, but she believes he was spared because a business associate vouched for his trustworthiness.

But a family friend, a restaurant owner, was deported. "We didn't know any details except my mother and father would talk about it and then hush up when we would come close by," she said.

Many of Seto's other memories were happy ones. She had the most fun helping out in the pineapple fields to fill in for men who left to serve in the military.

"Everyone did their part," she said.

Soon after the attack began, Veary's father got a call to go to Pearl Harbor to help rescue sailors. He was a tug boat captain for a local shipping company. He didn't come back for more than a day.

Life under the threat of further Japanese attacks meant her family had to cover their windows to block any light from escaping at night. Wardens would patrol neighborhoods to make sure no light was visible through the windows. They would knock on the door of offending houses.

But there were plenty of light-hearted moments, too. She practiced her singing, including in front of audiences — a talent that would later become her profession. During the holidays, Veary's brother and sister would bring servicemen they met on the bus home to eat food cooked by their mother and their neighbors.

"We weren't a well-to-do family, but whatever we had we liked to share," Veary said.

Veary would occasionally hear from some of them, until a few years ago.

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By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ **COMMENTARY**

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OPEC, which drove up prices by announcing production cuts on Wednesday, also has no interest in Americans paying $3 a gallon for gasoline. That would hurt U.S. economic growth and reduce demand, as well as encourage more competitors to pump oil and diminish the cartel's market share.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest and lowest-cost oil producer, is particularly interested in maximizing profit without choking off demand, said Antoine Halff, director of global oil markets at Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy. The Saudis issued $17.5 billion in sovereign bonds in October and have promised to sell shares in the national oil company, Aramco, within two years. The value of both the stock and bonds is based on oil prices.

"The kingdom's goal of reducing its dependence on oil prices, ironically, requires them to prop up the oil price initially," Halff said. "Now that they've gone to international debt markets, now that they've gone very aggressively into the equity markets with the partial privatization of Aramco, the strategy of accepting low prices doesn't work anymore."

Fracturers see long road ahead

■ As OPEC cuts its production, U.S. firms ready for future growth

By James Osborne
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — Two years ago, with the world awash in oil and prices falling, OPEC nations considered cutting production to prop up the market. Instead, they took a different path to curb supplies, choosing to keep pumping oil, a move that many interpreted as the beginning of a campaign to push down prices until U.S. shale drillers and other high cost producers were driven out of business.

But last week, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries called a pause in the stand-off, agreeing to cut production for the first time in eight years and signalling that whatever victory the cartel might have achieved, it was far from total. The two-year price war has driven scores of Houston and U.S. companies into bankruptcy, but it has also left the oil-dependent budgets of OPEC nations in tatters, creating large deficits and forcing their governments to burn through reserves to maintain public services.

And as prices recover, OPEC may find that its strategy has given rise to even fiercer competitors, who survived the worst oil bust in 30 years by becoming more efficient.

At an event here on Friday, Hess Oil chief executive John Hess recalled the words of the former oil minister of Saudi Arabia, Ali Al-Naimi, who, as prices headed below $30 a barrel earlier this year, said high-cost U.S. producers needed to "lower costs, borrow cash or liquidate." Hess told Naimi, who also spoke at the event, the former oil minster had proven to have "the right vision."

"Now the market is getting into balance," Hess said. "Producers have to compete and it has to be on the basis of efficiency and cost."

Some analysts have viewed the deal to cut production as a retreat by OPEC, which underestimated the resiliency of U.S. shale drillers and hurt its members economies. Others say the cartel, by not intervening in the market earlier, accomplished much of what it wanted, lowering U.S. production and leaving behind a diminished U.S. shale industry. But ultimately, the extended downturn produced few winners.

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Obituaries

D. D. "PeeWee" Poynor

On December 3, 2016, PeeWee passed away peacefully, from a brief illness.

He was born Dean Dorman, Jr., November 21, 1929, at home in Ranger, Texas, to Dean Dorman, Sr. and Nancy Jane Kiser Poynor. PeeWee graduated from Ranger High School and took a bus that very night to West Texas where he started working the next day. He started his career as a truck driver early and hauled cattle/sheep for Arky Glidewell before settling down in Big Lake, Texas.

PeeWee married Darlyne Miller on August 17, 1950; they remained in Big Lake and together raised a family of four boys.

In 1957, due to his strong work ethic and determination, he purchased a single bulldozer that he successfully transformed into a family business known as D.D. Poynor Construction. Over the years, he worked his sons and raised them around the business, where they shared his same values and principles. He also employed several family members and gained life-long friendships with other employees and businessmen around West Texas. He was a one-of-a-kind role model and friend.

Throughout his time, PeeWee served as a Director at Reagan State Bank and was named Businessman of the Year by the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce. He was known throughout West Texas for his hard work, generous spirit, and his love to sit and share stories. He was an avid Cowboys fan and enjoyed many years of season tickets, especially during Tom Landry's time. He also had a soft heart for animals and brought home many strays, including dogs, cats, goats, deer, rabbits, and even prairie-dogs.

He is rejoicing in Heaven with three sons, Buddy, Wayne, and Winn Poynor; his parents; three brothers, Willie, Wesley, and Jack Poynor; and a special nephew, Ricky Poynor.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Darlyne; one son, Joe D. Poynor and wife Debbie of Breckenridge, Texas; two daughters-in-law, Letha Poynor of Big Lake, and Marla Poynor and husband Britt, also of Big Lake; his beloved grandchildren, J.D. Poynor and his wife Carrie of San Angelo, Texas, Shane Poynor and his wife Sarah of Breckenridge, Amy Poynor Evans and her husband Kelly of Midland, Texas, Shawn Poynor and his wife Anita of San Angelo, and Whitney Poynor Brandon and her husband Jacob of San Angelo; nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Ruth Franklin of Graham, Texas; as well as several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, J.D. Poynor, Shane Poynor, and Shawn Poynor; grandsons-in-law, Kelly Evans and Jacob Brandon; and great-grandsons, Zane Poynor and Alex Evans.

Honorary pallbearers include J.L. Allen, Dale Fisher, Norman Guess, Tommy Holt, Mikel Jones, Terry Jones, Everett Miller, Britt Poynor, Bill Schneemann, Wayne Smith, C.R. Sproul, and John Wilha.

A viewing will be held Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Big Lake. Directly following, at 2:00 p.m., will be a memorial service to celebrate and honor his life.

Marilyn Chase

Services for Marilyn are scheduled at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the Artesia High School Auditorium. Mike Elliott will officiate at the services with burial to follow at Twin Oaks Memorial Park. Visitation will be Tuesday, December 6, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Terpening & Son Mortuary.

Marilyn Yvonne Chase passed away Saturday, December 3, 2016 in Ruidoso, New Mexico. She will be remembered as a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend who could bring a smile to everyone around her. Marilyn loved spending time with her family and dear friends, travelling, western movies, scrapbooking, and going to country music concerts. She was a member of Clarke Memorial Methodist Church and a founder of the Chase Foundation.

Marilyn was born on July 9, 1935 in Headrick, Oklahoma, the daughter of Curtis and Inez Stack. On November 20, 1953, she married the love of her life, Mack Chase, in Carlsbad, New Mexico. They recently celebrated their 63rd anniversary.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Terry Lynn; her parents; brother, C.P. Stack; sister, Jeannette Richardson; and brother-in-law, Lewis Richardson.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Mack Chase of the home; sons, Robert and wife Deb of Artesia, and Richard and wife Karla of Artesia; daughter, Gerene and husband Greg of Lubbock, Texas; and grandchildren, Chance and wife Claire and their children, Cash and Collins of Roswell, Kortney of Austin, Texas, Derek of Artesia, and Jacey, Delaney, and Dallas of Lubbock.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Terpening & Son Mortuary. Please remember Mrs. Chase online at *www.artesiafunerals.com* .

Death Notices

Joan E. Neagle

Joan E. Neagle, 73, passed away December 3, 2016.

The family will accept guests from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, December 8, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church Chapel at 1:00 p.m., Friday, December 9, 2016. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Survivors include one brother; her children, Edwin Guy Faught, Jo Caye Anderson, and Tina Colombus; and her husband's children, Dale E. Neagle and Tanya S. Johnson.

Kenneth Dale Saunders

Kenneth Dale Saunders, 72, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, December 3, 2016.

No services will be held at this time.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Nelda; daughters, Tonya Giles and Lisa Tenney; and one brother.

LaQuetta "Quettie" Ann Floyd

LaQuetta "Quettie" Ann Floyd, 70 of Midland, passed away on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

Memorial services will be on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at West Kentucky Baptist Church at 4:00 p.m. Please have all floral arrangements directed to West Kentucky Baptist Church, 1507 W Kentucky Ave, Midland, TX 79701.

She is survived by her son, Wally Reeves; daughter, Shanna Reeves; and two siblings.

Lola Margaret Langley (Marge)

Lola Margaret Langley (Marge) passed away at the age of 81 on December 5, 2016.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016.

Memorial services will be Thursday, December 8, 2016 at First Baptist Chapel at 9:00 a.m.

Stephen Matthew Gibson

Stephen Matthew Gibson, 61 of Midland, passed away on Sunday, December 4, 2016.

Viewing will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be at First Baptist Church Chapel on Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include wife, Sharon Gibson; daughter, Ashley Welch; daughter, Kari Jones; and one brother.

CRIME BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man charged with aggravated assault against public servants

A Midland man was arrested Sunday after he allegedly threatened police officers, according to court documents.

Gryder

Matthew Phillip Gryder, 40, was being held Monday on four $75,000 bonds for first-degree felony charges of aggravated assault against a public servant, a $500 bond for a Class A misdemeanor charge of assault causing bodily injury and a $500 bond for a Class A misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest.

Midland police officers responded to a disturbance at about 1:17 a.m. Sunday.

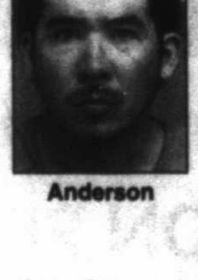
Gryder was arguing with a woman when he struck her twice, according to his arrest affidavit. When four officers tried to obtain a statement from Gryder, he threatened to release a Doberman Pinscher to attack and kill them, according to the affidavit. Gryder then pulled his body away from officers and tried biting them to resist arrest, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of a first-degree felony charge, Gryder could face up to life imprisonment.

Man arrested on aggravated assault charge

A Midland man was arrested Saturday after he allegedly assaulted a woman, according to court documents.

Marc Jason Anderson, 38, was being held Monday on a $75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.



Anderson

Midland police officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a disturbance at about 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Anderson was arguing with a woman when he pulled her toward him and grabbed a knife, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Anderson could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

XCOR co-founder dies in Midland

By Trevor Hawes
thawes@mrt.com

Loretta "Aleta" Jackson DeLong's passion was aerospace, not only for that which exists, but for making ideas and dreams come true.

DeLong, a founding member of XCOR Aerospace and partner in Agile Aero, succumbed to chemotherapy treatments for ovarian cancer. She died Sunday in Midland. She was 68.

"She was someone who never let the fact that she wanted to do something impossible stop her from doing it," XCOR founding member Jeff Greason said on Monday.

In a statement sent to the Reporter-Telegram, XCOR President and CEO Jay Gibson said: "The entire XCOR family was saddened to learn of the passing of Aleta Jackson DeLong.

As one of the founding partners of XCOR, Aleta was instrumental in forming XCOR's unique and positive personality of innovation, creativity and persistence during our formative years."

In reflecting on DeLong's importance to XCOR, Greason said, "There wouldn't have been an XCOR without Aleta. When we were all laid off from Rotary (Rocket Co.), she really ran around behind the scenes telling us we were too close to quit and we had to try this again."

Greason, who is now the founder of upstart Midland-headquartered Agile Aero, said DeLong's role in XCOR was invaluable in helping ideas become reality but that she always stayed in the background.

"During the time before I came to know her in the late '80s and early '90s, the idea of commercial or reusable space vehicles was a lonely idea to be a champion of," he said. "She was one of a very small number of people running around and keeping that idea alive. She was never somebody who put her name on the front door, but wherever you turned ... you'd find her as the person keeping the community together."

Courtesy Photo

Lorette Jackson DeLong

DeLong's first aerospace work was as an engineering co-op from Indiana Institute of Technology working on the Gemini project for McDonnell Aircraft Corp, according to a eulogy provided to the Reporter-Telegram. She left her pursuit of an engineering degree to take care of her ill mother.

She later joined the U.S. Air Force. She worked 10 years as a repair technician for Xerox and wrote science fiction and nonfiction.

DeLong worked for the L-5 society and later became aid to Gen. Daniel Graham and helped create the DC-X, or Clipper Graham, launch vehicle. She also edited the Journal of Practical Applications of Space while with Graham's Strategic Defense Initiative Organization.

She was the office manager of Rotary Rocket Co. and is credited with encouraging fellow XCOR founding members Jeff Greason, Dan DeLong and Doug Jones to "stick with it" after their layoffs from the company's propulsion group.

DeLong earned money as a reporter and editor at the Mojave Desert News while the upstart XCOR grew. She wore many hats at XCOR: purchasing, personnel, bookkeeping, editor, receiving, community outreach and travel.

She and longtime partner Dan DeLong were married this year. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer the next day.

"Her diverse and rich history in and around the space industry as well as serving our great nation in uniform was truly special," Gibson said in his statement. "We at XCOR extend our thoughts and prayers to Dan DeLong and her entire family."

When asked for parting comments, Greason said. "It's hard to capture someone with that much energy in so few words."

Her body of work and her impact on the space community speaks volumes.

Like Trevor on Facebook and follow him on Twitter at @HowdyHawes.

Ron Cortes/The San Antonio Express-News via AP

A victim, right, from one of two automobiles, background, is taken away after the cars fell into a sinkhole Monday in San Antonio.

Deputy dies when personal car goes into San Antonio sinkhole

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Officials say an off-duty sheriff's deputy has died and two other people hurt when two vehicles plunged into a water-filled sinkhole in San Antonio.

The Bexar (bayr) County Sheriff's Office on Monday identified the victim as 69-year-old Deputy Dora Linda Nishihara (nee-shee-HAR'-uh), who was a courthouse bailiff.

A crane was used to retrieve her personal car from water about 12-feet deep. Nishihara's body was inside the vehicle.

Sheriff's spokesman James Keith says Nishihara was not working Sunday when her vehicle went into the sinkhole. Utility officials say the sinkhole appeared after a sewer line ruptured during heavy rain earlier Sunday.

Authorities say two passers-by rescued a driver after another vehicle that went into the sinkhole Sunday night. That driver and one of his rescuers were treated for minor injuries.

CRADDICK

From 1A

Executive Director Kim Corley has been asked to plan for staff sessions throughout the agency's district offices to ensure that each district is consistently enforcing the rules and enforcement actions.

Craddick is also planning a tour of the Eagle Ford and Permian Basin to meet with local leaders and residents to discuss the impact of the oil and gas industry on their communities.

She said she wants to communicate with those leaders just what the Railroad Commission does and how it stands ready to help with their concerns, such as carrying out inspections at the request of local leaders.

Both the industry and the agency will be challenged, both short-term and long-term, in finding and retaining good people, Craddick said. The agency especially will be challenged because it can't compete with the salaries offered by industry.

As chairman, she plans to push for staff development, including cross training for inspections and permitting, updated training for inspectors and succession planning, she said.

MISD

From 1A

compliance, not transformation."

"Our Theory of Action for Change is training school board-superintendent teams in Reform Governance in Action to create and empower more effective and productive governance teams. This improvement will lead the transformations needed to drive student achievement gains and close achievement gaps," according to the website.

Cathy Mincberg, president and CEO of CRSS, said there will be a morning training session for new board members, followed by the afternoon workshop. She said a goal of this training is for district to avoid pitfalls during the superintendent hiring process. She said there's a lot more to a candidate than what can be found on a resume, and the training session will help identify areas of interest.

"When boards don't express where they are going or what they want, candidates get hired under incorrect pretenses," Mincberg said. "We want them to understand the person."

Midland ISD and community leaders started the current reform movement, working with Educate Texas on a collective impact format for Midland. Business and foundation leaders paid the bill for the Educate Texas work, which laid the foundation for the Educate Midland group.

Davis said the beginning of the superintendent search comes at a good time as 2017 board members recently completed TEA training that Davis said was "by far the best training I have received as a school board member."

"We have a lot of work to do the next three months to apply the training we received," Davis said. "We knew it was important to get on the same page. This training was perfect timing as it will help us do that."

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Winter menaces N. Dakota camp as pipeline protesters dig in

By James Macpherson
Associated Press

David Goldman/Associated Press

Loretta Reddog, of Placerville, Calif., shovels a walkway to her tent while followed by her dog Gurdee Bean at the Oceti Sakowin camp where people have gathered to protest the Dakota Access oil pipeline Nov. 29 in Cannon Ball, N.D. "I'm scared. I'm a California girl, you know?" said Reddog who arrived several months ago with her two dogs and has yet to adjust to the harsher climate. Reddog has confidence in the camp community. "Everybody's really stepping up and taking care of each other," she said.

CANNON BALL, N.D. — So far, the hundreds of protesters fighting the Dakota Access pipeline have shrugged off the heavy snow, icy winds and frigid temperatures that have swirled around their large encampment on the North Dakota grasslands.

But as they defy government orders to abandon the camp and vow to stay put even after a surprise federal decision to further delay and review the project, demonstrators know the real deep freeze comes when the full force of the Great Plains winter descends on their community of nylon tents and teepees. Life-threatening wind chills and towering snow drifts could mean the greatest challenge is simple survival.

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The government had ordered protesters to leave federal land by Monday, though authorities made no noticeable effort to enforce that mandate as the deadline passed. Many demonstrators insist they will stay for as long as it takes to permanently divert the $3.8 billion pipeline, which the Standing Rock Sioux tribe believes threatens sacred sites and a river that provides drinking water for millions of people.

The pipeline is largely complete except for a short segment planned to pass beneath a Missouri River reservoir, and opponents scored a victory during the weekend when the Army Corps said it would deny a permit for the crossing while further assessing potential changes. The company doing the building says it is unwilling to reroute the project.

For several months, the government permitted the gathering, allowing its population to swell. The Seven Council Fires camp began growing in August as it took in the overflow crowd from smaller protest sites nearby. It now covers a half square mile, with living quarters that include old school buses, fancy motorhomes and domelike yurts. Hale bales are piled around some teepees to keep out the wind. There's even a crude corral for horses.

The number of inhabitants has ranged from several hundred to several thousand. It has been called the largest gathering of Native American tribes in a century.

Increasingly, more permanent wooden structures are being erected, even though the Army Corps of Engineers considers them illegal on government property. The Standing Rock Sioux insist the land still belongs to their tribe under a nearly 150-year-old treaty.

Nate Bison, a member of South Dakota's Cheyenne River Sioux, came to the camp after quitting his job in Las Vegas. He said last week that he intends to stay indefinitely, a prospect that may cause him to lose his house in Nevada.

"But since I've lived in these conditions before, to me it's not all that bad," he said.

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Higher energy prices, therefore, could reverse some of the capital destruction. I explained last week how it will take time for the market to work off inventories, pay off debts and spark new investment, but sustained prices above $55 abarrel could boost oil company spending in late 2017 and 2018. That means rehiring unemployed workers.

Additional U.S. oil production also means fewer imports and a lower trade deficit, which boosts GDP. Limited demand growth and fierce competition will luckily cap gasoline prices at historically low levels, minimizing the pain to consumers.

OPEC, which drove up prices by announcing production cuts on Wednesday, also has no interest in Americans paying $3 a gallon for gasoline. That would hurt U.S. economic growth and reduce demand, as well as encourage more competitors to pump oil and diminish the cartel's market share.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest and lowest-cost oil producer, is particularly interested in maximizing profit without choking off demand, said Antoine Halff, director of global oil markets at Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy. The Saudis issued $17.5 billion in sovereign bonds in October and have promised to sell shares in the national oil company, Aramco, within two years. The value of both the stock and bonds is based on oil prices.

"The kingdom's goal of reducing its dependence on oil prices, ironically, requires them to prop up the oil price initially," Halff said. "Now that they've gone to international debt markets, now that they've gone very aggressively into the equity markets with the partial privatization of Aramco, the strategy of accepting low prices doesn't work anymore."

Fracturers see long road ahead

■ As OPEC cuts its production, U.S. firms ready for future growth

By James Osborne
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — Two years ago, with the world awash in oil and prices falling, OPEC nations considered cutting production to prop up the market. Instead, they took a different path to curb supplies, choosing to keep pumping oil, a move that many interpreted as the beginning of a campaign to push down prices until U.S. shale drillers and other high cost producers were driven out of business.

But last week, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries called a pause in the stand-off, agreeing to cut production for the first time in eight years and signalling that whatever victory the cartel might have achieved, it was far from total. The two-year price war has driven scores of Houston and U.S. companies into bankruptcy, but it has also left the oil-dependent budgets of OPEC nations in tatters, creating large deficits and forcing their governments to burn through reserves to maintain public services.

And as prices recover, OPEC may find that its strategy has given rise to even fiercer competitors, who survived the worst oil bust in 30 years by becoming more efficient.

At an event here on Friday, Hess Oil chief executive John Hess recalled the words of the former oil minister of Saudi Arabia, Ali Al-Naimi, who, as prices headed below $30 a barrel earlier this year, said high-cost U.S. producers needed to "lower costs, borrow cash or liquidate." Hess told Naimi, who also spoke at the event, the former oil minster had proven to have "the right vision."

"Now the market is getting into balance," Hess said. "Producers have to compete and it has to be on the basis of efficiency and cost."

Some analysts have viewed the deal to cut production as a retreat by OPEC, which underestimated the resiliency of U.S. shale drillers and hurt its members economies. Others say the cartel, by not intervening in the market earlier, accomplished much of what it wanted, lowering U.S. production and leaving behind a diminished U.S. shale industry. But ultimately, the extended downturn produced few winners.

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memories are happy ones, though. She recalls walking and skipping the four blocks or so from her home to the school, meeting friends along the way. They'd be a big group by the time they reached campus.

Seto said the only scary part of the entire war was when military police, carrying guns with fixed bayonets, showed up at her house looking for her father.

Her neighbors, who served in the Navy, suspected he was hoarding food and reported him after he used his painting business truck to load up on Vienna sausage, Spam and rice for friends.

Seto's immigrant parents had trouble communicating with the police. Her brothers explained what their father was doing and gave the police the names of families they were helping. The military police apologized and left, she said.

The families who called the police were good friends of the Setos. Their children played with Seto and her siblings. "They were just afraid. It was a scary time," she said.

Government authorities detained 1,330 Japanese-Americans and Japanese nationals from Hawaii, particularly community leaders like Shinto priests and teachers. Seto said her father was investigated, but she believes he was spared because a business associate vouched for his trustworthiness.

But a family friend, a restaurant owner, was deported. "We didn't know any details except my mother and father would talk about it and then hush up when we would come close by," she said.

Many of Seto's other memories were happy ones. She had the most fun helping out in the pineapple fields to fill in for men who left to serve in the military.

"Everyone did their part," she said.

Soon after the attack began, Veary's father got a call to go to Pearl Harbor to help rescue sailors. He was a tug boat captain for a local shipping company. He didn't come back for more than a day.

Life under the threat of further Japanese attacks meant her family had to cover their windows to block any light from escaping at night. Wardens would patrol neighborhoods to make sure no light was visible through the windows. They would knock on the door of offending houses.

But there were plenty of light-hearted moments, too. She practiced her singing, including in front of audiences — a talent that would later become her profession. During the holidays, Veary's brother and sister would bring servicemen they met on the bus home to eat food cooked by their mother and their neighbors.

"We weren't a well-to-do family, but whatever we had we liked to share," Veary said.

Veary would occasionally hear from some of them, until a few years ago.

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■ Winter Wonderland: Betenbough Homes Christmas Event, 6-8 p.m., Betenbough New Home Center, 6718 N. SH 349.

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.

■ "Elf: The Musical," 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Broadwayinthebasin.com.

■ $2 Tuesdays bowling after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

■ Karaoke with Ali, 8 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W Wall St.

Meeting

Midland ISD (workshop)
5 p.m.
Administration Building
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Holiday events

■ Christmas at the Mansion 2016: Home for the Holidays Chlistmas Luncheon. Noon Thursday, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $35 per person, $250 per table of eight. Museumsw.org.

■ Christmas the Cowboy Way with Riders in the Sky, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $27-$57. Wagnernoel.com.

■ Christmas at the Mansion 2016: Home for the Holidays tea party. 2:30 and 3:45 p.m. Friday, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free but advance reservations required. Museumsw.org.

County library to hold book drive, host book signing

The Midland County public Library is hosting a children's book drive benefitting Casa de Amigos and High Sky Children's Ranch. The goal is to collect 5,000 books by Dec. 17.

Residents may bring new or gently used children's books to the children's department at either the downtown or Centennial branch. The libraries are open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The downtown branch is at 301 W. Missouri Ave.; the Centennial branch is at 2503 W Loop 250 S.

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

LGBTQ group to meet

A new group will host an event today for the LGBTQ community and its allies. The event — which will address the topic of coming out — is 6:30 p.m. at the Jason's Deli conference room in Odessa. The event is one of the first programs for a proposed LGBTQ center in the Permian Basin. Organizers for the center plan to alternate upcoming meetings between locations in Midland and Odessa.

Read more about the center in a future Reporter-Telegram edition.

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 6, the 341st day of 2016. There are 25 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1790, Congress moved to Philadelphia from New York.

In 1907, the worst mining disaster in U.S. history occurred as 362 men and boys died in a coal mine explosion in Monongah, West Virginia.

In 1969, a free concert by The Rolling Stones at the Altamont Speedway in Alameda County, California, was marred by the deaths of four people, including one who was stabbed by a Hell's Angel.

In 1973, House minority leader Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.

Ten years ago: The bipartisan Iraq Study Group concluded that President George W. Bush's war policies had failed in almost every regard, and said the situation in Iraq was "grave and deteriorating."

One year ago: In an Oval Office address, President Barack Obama vowed the U.S. would overcome a new phase of the terror threat that sought to "poison the minds" of people here and around the world, as he tried to reassure Americans shaken by recent attacks in Paris and California.

The Star-Advertiser via AP

Students at Liliuokalani school are taught first aid during a drill March 6, 1942 in Honolulu. For children after the Pearl Harbor attack, their schools required them to carry gas masks with them at all times. Some saw their parents digging trenches outside their school. One Japanese student worried that her family would be taken to internment camps.

Children who lived through Pearl Harbor attack remember

By Audrey Mcavoy
Associated Press

HONOLULU — In some ways, it could be any class photo from the 1940s. The sepia-toned image shows 30 fifth-graders — 26 girls and four boys — at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in Waikiki. Most are smiling, some look stern. A few have no shoes.

Yet this picture is different in one striking way: Each child is holding a bag containing a gas mask, a sign of how war had suddenly broke apart the routines of their adolescence on Dec. 7, 1941.

Three of the students, now in their mid-80s and all friends who have kept in touch over the years, reflected recently on the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor 75 years ago and the mark it left on their childhoods.

Joan Martin Rodby remembered the carefree walks to school, and her family building an air raid shelter in their yard. Florence Seto, who is Japanese-American, recalled sharing ice cream with Rodby, and being worried that her family would be taken away.

Emma Veary reminisced about her days singing, and her family covering the windows at night so Japanese pilots couldn't use the light of homes to guide them.

On the morning of Dec. 7, a Sunday, Japanese bombers flew across Oahu and began their assault. Some children climbed onto the roofs of homes to see what was happening. The planes were so close to the ground in some cases that they could make out the Rising Sun insignia.

Soon, smoke rose over the water, about 10 miles from Veary's home near Waikiki.

Veary, then 11, climbed atop a neighbor's house. Back then, Waikiki didn't have any high-rise hotels and condominiums to block the view, so she could see all the way to the naval base. Her parents yelled at her to get down as soon as they heard about the attack.

Seto, who lived a few blocks away near homes belonging to Navy families, remembered a neighbor rushing out of her home, screaming about how the Japanese, using an epithet common at the time, had attacked Pearl Harbor.

The young Seto ran home, and, using the same word, told her parents, both immigrants from Japan.

"That didn't go over too well," she said.

The attack killed more than 2,300 people, nearly half of them on the battleship USS Arizona. More than 1,100 were injured. After the attack, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered a speech before Congress, calling Dec. 7 a "date which will live in infamy." The U.S. declared war against Japan.

Veary, Seto and Rodby suddenly found themselves living in a war zone, as an ever-present worry about a Japanese invasion permeated life in their island home.

About a month or two after the attack, Rodby and her classmates were issued gas masks. Rodby, who was 10 at the time, remembers being tested on how quickly she could don the mask. If an air raid siren went off, they had to be able to put the masks on in seconds.

The children put their gas masks around the backs of their chairs while in class. When playing outside, they kept them in a set spot so they could grab them right away.

"It was like an extra arm we had to have all the time," Rodby said.

At home, her father, who worked at Honolulu Iron Works, built an air raid shelter in their yard. They didn't know how long the war would last or how long they would need it, so they stocked it with pillows, blankets, dishes and a kerosene lamp to make it comfortable.

"We would have food down there and artificial lighting and the more we needed the air raid shelters, the fancier they got inside. I mean, people would have beds and they put flooring in," she said.

Her school had air raid trenches dug by parents and volunteers. They were covered with grass, tin or wood so any airplanes flying overhead wouldn't be able to spot them.

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Japanese leader Abe to visit Pearl Harbor with Obama

By Ken Moritsugu
Associated Press

AP file photo

U.S. President Barack Obama, right, shakes hands with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park on May 27 in Hiroshima, western Japan, as Obama became the first sitting U.S. president to visit the site of the world's first atomic bomb attack. Abe said Monday he will visit Pearl Harbor with Obama at the end of this month, becoming the first leader of his country to go to the U.S. Naval base in Hawaii that Japan attacked in 1941, propelling the United States into World War II. Atomic Bomb Dome is seen in the background.

TOKYO — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will visit Pearl Harbor with U.S. President Barack Obama at the end of this month, becoming the first leader of his country to go to the site of the Japanese attack that propelled the United States into World War II.

Monday's unexpected announcement came two days before the 75th anniversary of the attack and six months after Obama became the first sitting U.S. president to visit the memorial in Hiroshima for victims of the U.S. atomic bombing of that city at the end of the same war.

Abe, in a brief statement to reporters, said he would visit Hawaii on Dec. 28 and 27 to pray for the war dead at the naval base at Pearl Harbor and to hold a final summit meeting with Obama before the latter's presidency ends.

"We must never repeat the tragedy of the war," he said. "I would like to send this commitment. At the same time, I would like to send a message of reconciliation between Japan and the U.S."

The White House confirmed a meeting in Hawaii on Dec. 27, saying "the two leaders' visit will showcase the power of reconciliation that has turned former adversaries into the closest of allies, united by common interests and shared values."

More than 2,300 U.S. servicemen died in the aerial attack, which will be marked Wednesday by a remembrance ceremony and a moment of silence at 7:55 a.m., when the Japanese planes hit their first target.

Three and a half years later, the war came to an end after the U.S. dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, and on the city of Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945. Japan surrendered six days later.

Obama's decision to visit Hiroshima in May divided Americans and was broadly welcomed in Japan. Abe said Monday that Obama's message aiming for a world without nuclear weapons still touches the hearts of many Japanese.

In the seven decades since the war, the United States and Japan have become staunch allies in one of the more remarkable turnarounds of former enemies in world history.

"Our talks in Hawaii will be a chance to show the rest of the world our ever stronger alliance in the future," Abe said.

The announcement of the summit comes as Japan worries about the direction of U.S. foreign policy under Obama's successor, Donald Trump.

There were mixed reactions to the timing of Abe's Pearl Harbor visit.

Together with Obama's visit to Hiroshima, it will complete the reconciliation process and help smooth bilateral relations under any administration, said Tsuneo Watanabe, a senior research fellow at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation. "Historical disputes tend to be brought up when relations become thorny ... but once you put them behind and move on, it makes a difference if there is any negative sentiment in the future," he said.

But Koichi Nakano, a professor of international politics at Tokyo's Sophia University, said Abe's Pearl Harbor visit and his commitment to the Japan-U.S. alliance in the future are tantamount to "giving a blank check to Trump" despite the uncertainty over bilateral relations under his administration.

The president-elect said during the campaign that Japan and other allies should contribute more to the cost of stationing U.S. troops in their countries. About 50,000 American troops are based in Japan.

Abe met with Trump in New York last month. He wouldn't disclose details, but said that Trump is a leader he can have great confidence in.

Deadly warehouse fire: Operator accused of ignoring safety

By Ellen Knickmeyer and Tim Reiterman
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The founder of a ramshackle Oakland artists' colony where dozens of people burned to death saw himself as a kind of guru and loved to surround himself with followers but showed chilling disregard for their well-being, according to relatives, neighbors and other acquaintances.

Derick Ion Almena, 46, leased and operated the cluttered warehouse where a blaze erupted Friday night during a dance party, leaving at least 36 people dead in the nation's most lethal building fire in over a decade.

Neighbors and occupants of the building said he had illegally carved it into rented living and studio space for artists, calling it the Satya Yuga collective. On Monday, prosecutors watched over the scene to preserve evidence as bodies were pulled from the blackened ruins. The cause of the fire is under investigation, and no one has been charged.

Acquaintances painted a devastating portrait of Almena and his longtime partner, Micah Allison.

"Honestly, I don't think he is capable of feeling any kind of remorse or guilt," said Allison's father, Michael Allison of Portland, Oregon. "I've never seen him ever really care about anyone else."

He described the couple as users of methamphetamine, heroin and crack and said their three young children were taken away from them by social service authorities for several months beginning last year. The youngsters were found hungry, infested with lice and ill-clothed, he said.

Michael Allison recalled Almena and Micah once bowling over with laughter when they told of a fire-breather accidentally setting himself on fire at one of their many parties at the building, which was widely known as the Ghost Ship.

KGO-TV via AP

This still frame from exclusive video provided by San Francisco TV station KGO-TV, made late Sunday shows Derick Ion Almena, right, and Micah Allison, the couple who operated the Ghost Ship warehouse where dozens have died in a fire, at the Oakland, Calif., Marriott Hotel. When a KGO reporter asked if he had anything to say to the families of those who were killed, Almena said: "They're my children. They're my friends, they're my family, they're my loves, they're my future. What else do I have to say?"

Kimmel to host Academy Awards

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Oscars finally have a host: Jimmy Kimmel will emcee the 89th Academy Awards.

The late-night host will be presiding over the ceremony for the first time. Kimmel has been a regular awards host, having twice previously hosted the Emmy Awards (including its broadcast in September) and once led ESPN's ESPY Awards.

The selection of Kimmel gives ABC, home of the Oscars telecast, the choice the network had long sought. His "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" has previously followed ABC's Oscar broadcast. The network also has new muscle to flex; it signed a deal with the Academy of Motion Pictures in August to remain the Oscar broadcast home until 2028.

"Yes, I am hosting the Oscars," Kimmel said on Twitter. "This is not a prank. And if it is, my revenge on the academy will be terrible and sweet."

The academy waited much later than usual to name a host for the Feb. 26 ceremony. This year's show is being produced by veteran producer Michael De Luca and Jennifer Todd, president of Ben Affleck and Matt Damon's production company, Pearl Street Films. This is also their first time producing the Oscars.

The lengthy search has perhaps been a product of increasing pressure on the broadcast. Last year's show was hosted by Chris Rock and was dominated by backlash over its second straight year of all-white acting nominees. Its 34.3 million viewers marked an 11-year low for the telecast.

Dan Steinberg/Invision/AP file photo

Television personality and event host Jimmy Kimmel attends the 2nd Annual "Rebels With a Cause" Gala benefiting the USC Center for Applied Molecular Medicine at Paramount Pictures Studios on March 20, 2014 in Los Angeles. The Oscars finally have a host: Kimmel will emcee the 89th Academy Awards. Kimmel will be hosting the show for the first time, the Academy of Motion Pictures announced Monday.

'Moonlight,' 'La La Land' separate from award season pack

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In Hollywood's early but rapidly solidifying awards season, two films — radically different in tone and tune — have separated themselves from the pack: "Moonlight" and "La La Land."

"Moonlight," Barry Jenkins' lyrical coming-of-age tale, added to its already hefty haul on Sunday, taking best picture from the Los Angeles Film Critics Association . The group also gave best director to Jenkins, best supporting actor to Mahershala Ali and best cinematography to James Laxton.

Those three awards mirrored the picks last week by the LAFAA's East Coast corollary, the New York Film Critics Circle. But the New York critics ultimately chose Damien Chazelle's "La La Land" as the year's best film, whereas the LA critics had "La La Land" — a colorful ode to the group's hometown — as runner-up for best picture and best director.

Which film will have the edge in the coming weeks — when the more crucial industry groups begin ringing in with their awards — is an open question. "Moonlight," which also triumphed at the Gotham Awards, is perhaps the year's most critically celebrated film. Across three chapters, it follows a boy growing up black, gay and poor in Miami.

But "La La Land," starring Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling, is only just hitting theaters (it opens Friday). It has widely been seen as the best-picture front-runner since winning the audience award at the Toronto International Film Festival. While "Moonlight" is bracingly intimate, the song-and-dance "La La Land" is a starry, show-stopping crowd-pleaser.

"La La Land" is also likely to dominate in sheer number of nomination, thanks to its lead performances, high-level of craft and original songs. It was honored by the LA critics for the musical work of Justin Hurwitz, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul.

The only film that has rivaled either in the early awards is Kenneth Lonergan's "Manchester by the Sea." The National Board of Review bestowed its top award on the New England drama, and the film's star, Casey Affleck, has been the most common pick so far. (The LA critics, however, went with Adam Driver for Jim Jarmusch's "Paterson.")

And despite a crowded best-actress field, including Stone for "La La Land" and Natalie Portman for "Jackie," the early favorite has been French actress Isabelle Huppert, star of both "Elle" and "Things to Come." She was the choice of the LA and New York critics, as well as the Gotham Independent Film Awards.

Other films have been singled out elsewhere. The British Film Independent Awards on Sunday gave four awards to Andrea Arnold's road-trip odyssey "American Honey," including best film. (It also chose "Moonlight" as its best international independent film.)

Next week, the Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild nominations will be announced, likely giving the current favorites additional momentum.

But a lot could still change, but the Feb. 26 Oscars are increasingly coming into view. They finally have their host, in Jimmy Kimmel, announced Monday. And in "La La Land" and "Moonlight," the night's finalists might already be decided, too.

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Trump attempts to be president-elect pleaser

■ He shows he's good at saying what you want to hear

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

It is a sign of how secretive the new administration plans to be that when Donald Trump spoke last week with the Pakistani prime minister, Americans learned what was discussed not from their president-elect but from the oppressive Pakistani government's Ministry of Information.

Luckily, ministry Press Release No. 298 — Pakistan's official "readout" of the phone call — so perfectly captured the president-elect's way of speaking that there can be little doubt it is close to a verbatim account. It is 193 words of unintentional literary genius:

"Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif called President-elect USA Donald Trump and felicitated him on his victory. President Trump said Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif you have a very good reputation. You are a terrific guy. You are doing amazing work which is visible in every way. I am looking forward to see you soon. As I am talking to you Prime Minister, I feel I am talking to a person I have known for long. Your country is amazing with tremendous opportunities. Pakistanis are one of the most intelligent people. I am ready and willing to play any role that you want me to play to address and find solutions to the outstanding problems. It will be an honor and I will personally do it. Feel free to call me any time even before 20th January that is before I assume my office.

"On being invited to visit Pakistan by the Prime Minister, Mr. Trump said that he would love to come to a fantastic country, fantastic place of fantastic people. Please convey to the Pakistani people that they are amazing and all Pakistanis I have known are exceptional people, said Mr. Donald Trump."

What made Trump's conversation with Sharif all the more terrific, amazing, tremendous, fantastic and exceptional was that only days earlier, a member of Trump's transition team had told journalists in India that Trump is in favor of legislation declaring Pakistan a "terror state." The promise was huge news on the subcontinent.

The contradictory messages to the nuclear-armed arch rivals tells us something about how Trump operates: He tells whoever is listening to him exactly what that person wants to hear. How else could he spend the entire campaign whipping up crowds in fear of a corrupt global elite led by Goldman Sachs — and then, after securing victory, stock his administration with Goldman Sachs bankers?

It's tempting to wonder how our pleaser president-elect's other conversations would be described if we got verbatim "readouts" in the style delivered by Pakistan's Ministry of Information:

Paul Ryan
President-elect USA Donald Trump said House Speaker Paul Ryan, as I am talking to you Speaker, I feel I am talking to a person I have known for long. Your proposal to privatize Medicare is amazing, with tremendous opportunities. I am ready and willing to play any role that you want me to play.

Nancy Pelosi
Donald Trump felicitated Nancy Pelosi on her victory in Democratic caucus election. You are doing amazing work to stop Medicare from being privatized, which is visible in every way. All Democrats I have known are exceptional people, said Mr. Donald Trump.

Mitt Romney
President Trump USA said Mr. Mitt Romney you have a very good reputation. I am looking forward to see you soon as secretary of state.

Rudy Giuliani
On being invited to visit with Mr. Rudy Giuliani, Mr. Trump said that he would love to have as secretary of state this fantastic person, fantastic mayor of fantastic people.

Benjamin Netanyahu
President Trump said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu it will be an honor to address and find solutions to the outstanding problem of the Iran nuclear agreement. I will personally do it.

Ali Khamenei
President-elect USA Donald Trump called Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and felicitated him on his fantastic nuclear agreement. Please convey to the Iranian people that they are amazing, said Mr. Donald Trump.

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Mr. Trump said United Technologies Corp. Chief Executive Gregory Hayes, your company is amazing, with tremendous opportunities to get billions of dollars of defense contracts, plus $7 million in tax breaks, to keep 1,069 Carrier jobs in Indiana. You are one of the most intelligent companies.

Enrique Pena Nieto
All Mexicans I have known are exceptional people, said President-elect USA to Mexico President Enrique Peña Nieto. Mr. Donald Trump said because of Mexico's terrific work Carrier is still sending 1,300 jobs to Mexico, a fantastic country of fantastic people.

Vladimir Putin
You are a terrific guy, said Mr. Donald Trump. Feel free to call me any time. It will be an honor.

OUR VIEW

Board appears on right road after TEA work sessions

Midland ISD's long road back to academic respectability appears to have received a shot in the arm.

In October, it was announced MISD was one of 11 districts statewide whose leaders were required to take part in mandatory Texas Education Agency training sessions.

Those training sessions in Midland took place last week, and it was refreshing to hear that the training sessions will be beneficial to school board members — new and experienced.

Board President Rick Davis said the sessions were "by far, the best training I have received."

Recently elected board member John Kennedy said the sessions "reshaped" his thinking of the duties of the school board, so board leaders "govern not manage." Kennedy will join Bryan Murry and Robert Marquez as the newest board members when the next board meets for the first time in January.

Davis and Kennedy said they expect the training sessions will serve as a foundation of future reform efforts, especially as MISD attempts to turn around the nine district schools listed as "improvement required."

Kennedy said he expects the culture at MISD, which has trended downward for most of the previous decade, will change and that the school board needs to lead by example.

"What we learned is great framework to make it happen," Kennedy said.

It was nice to hear such a perspective from board members who were required to attend the mandated TEA meetings. Conversations with the Reporter-Telegram indicated they had open minds from what they learned. We also appreciate what we are hearing from Davis, in particular, who has embraced the leadership role as Midland ISD moves forward with needed reform.

Davis said the training sessions confirmed the approach of interim Superintendent Rod Schroder and that the professional learning communities have the district on a better track.

Schroder's focus has been on three areas:

- accepting a growth mindset that every child can learn;
- accepting no excuses;
- campuses must have instructional processes and use them with fidelity in order to create processes.

"Everything (Schroder) has been advocating was consistent with everything we learned through last two days," Davis said.

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President-elect shows demagogic illogic

■ Trump's wrong on First Amendment

KATHLEEN PARKER
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On the first stop of his "thank you" tour in Ohio Thursday, president-elect Donald Trump hit replay on several of his campaign tropes.

Among the crowd pleasers, he heckled the "crooked media," prompting boos from the audience, and he reiterated his pledge to criminalize flag burning.

And he's not even president yet. More than a month and a half away from Inauguration Day, Trump's only discipline seems to be making good on bad faith. His attacks both on the media and on those who, rather rarely, burn an American flag, are fundamentally assaults on the Constitution and the First Amendment.

Do Trump followers really not care about these founding documents and their bearing on all the freedoms we take for granted? Or, could they really not know any better?

Most disturbing is the absence of objections from the right. Where are the Republicans when the leader of their party speaks so dismissively toward our principles of freedom and the journalists, many of whom they know personally, who practice in good faith the spirit of the law? How long before Trump's words convince some off-balanced Second Amendment "patriot" to take out a "crooked" media person, fully expecting to be applauded by the president-elect?

We the people believe in free speech and a free press not so that we can burn flags but so that we can expose government corruption, protest oppression, and express opinions that others may find disagreeable without fear of repercussion.

As offensive as flag burning is to patriotic Americans, it can also be an act of patriotism, a proposition I offer as argument not endorsement. If you love your country and fear that it's being led toward tyranny, you might well burn a flag to demonstrate such concerns. To the extent that the flag is a symbol of freedom, burning it is also a symbolic act. I would argue that many if not most veterans, including those in my family, fought, suffered and died for the right of all Americans to speak freely.

Indeed, it is the objectionable expression that is the true test of the strength of our freedoms. We don't need a First Amendment to protect get well cards or love letters. We don't need it to protect Christmas carols. But should someone challenge the latter, given its religious content, wouldn't many of those Ohioans cheering Trump's demagogic illogic be grateful that free speech protects their right to stroll the streets singing songs of praise?

Understanding the crucial importance of free speech and a free press to all other freedoms compelled the Supreme Court to rule that even flag burning is protected. And this is why Trump, a man who professes to love freedom and has presented himself as the best person to lead the free world, should be roundly condemned for suggesting that anyone who burns a flag should be punished by imprisonment or even loss of citizenship.

This is also why his persistent attacks on the media, threatening to restrict press freedom, are so misplaced, potentially dangerous and, not least, impossible for him to do constitutionally. Either Trump knows this, which makes his crowd-baiting not only offensive but irresponsible, or he's unfamiliar with the Constitution, the defense of which is one of the primary functions of the presidency.

As to the crooked media, Trump's gibes are patently ludicrous. Was he over-covered? Perhaps, but he was early on the Republican frontrunner and subsequently the nominee. The media could hardly ignore him, much as many of us would have liked to. Yes, some members of the media are biased, but not most, and they're usually drummed out through peer review.

It should be obvious that without the so-called mainstream media, especially newspapers such as The New York Times and The Washington Post, no one would know anything that has any basis in objective fact — and yes there is such a thing. We will rue the day we forgot that newsgathering is a profession with demanding standards regarding performance and ethics. Notwithstanding the billion-member global newsroom, it's nice to have smart, well-educated, experienced reporters and editors to pluck the pearls from the muck.

Therefore, the highest service the president of the United States could perform would be to actively engage the media in the national interest of nurturing an informed populace, without which a democratic Republic cannot long survive.

To do otherwise is the first act of the dictator.

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Republican success opens door to amend Constitution

By David A. Lieb
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The November election put Republicans in full control of a record number of state legislatures around the country, a level of power that gives the party an unprecedented opportunity: change the U.S. Constitution.

Republicans already control Congress, the White House and more governors' offices than they have in nearly a century. But it's the state legislatures that hold perhaps the greatest promise for lasting change.

The GOP now holds numerical majorities in 33 legislatures, one shy of the two-thirds required to initiate a convention on constitutional amendments. There is no credible talk of using that power for amendments on hot-button social issues, such as banning abortion or gay marriage. But conservatives have a list of bread-and-butter governing issues they would like to see enshrined in the Constitution.

One, to require a balanced federal budget, is already approaching the level of support that would trigger a convention. Beyond that, a major state-level push is planned during 2017 for a constitutional convention that could also consider amendments to impose term limits on members of Congress and rein in various federal powers.

President-elect Donald Trump has pledged support for an amendment on congressional term limits.

"The possibility of constitutional change is in the air," said law professor Jeffrey Rosen, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, a nonprofit museum that is hosting academic debates and symposiums about the efforts to amend the Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution has been amended 27 times since it was ratified in 1788, and its Article V spells out two ways to propose amendments. By a two-thirds vote of each chamber, the U.S. House and Senate can refer an amendment to the states. Or two-thirds of the state legislatures can request that Congress call a convention of the states.

Both scenarios require three-fourths of the states — or 38 — to ratify an amendment before it takes effect.

If the supporters of a balanced budget amendment succeed, it would be the first time in the nation's history that states initiated the process. That scenario has become more likely as a result of the November election.

It takes 34 states to trigger a convention for constitutional amendments, meaning a unified Republican push would need the help of only a few Democrats in a single state to reach the mark.

"The overwhelming success of one political party at the state level is something of real constitutional significance," said Akhil Reed Amar, a constitutional law professor at Yale University.

Every state except Vermont has some sort of balanced budget requirement, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. The U.S. government does not, but not everyone agrees that's a problem. During recessions, for example, federal government spending can help drive the economy even if it means spending at a deficit.

Twenty-eight state legislatures already have approved measures calling for a convention to propose a federal balanced budget requirement, although they use a variety of terms that could raise legal questions about whether they all count toward the threshold.

Organizers at the nonprofit Balanced Budget Amendment Task Force have lined up sponsors in nine additional Republican-led legislatures — Arizona, Idaho, Kentucky, Minnesota, Montana, South Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming — with the goal of reaching the two-thirds threshold in 2017.

But Republican control is no guarantee of success.

A Wyoming measure calling for a convention on a balanced budget amendment was shelved in 2015 after the state Senate altered it to make it contingent on assurances that Wyoming would not see a reduction in federal revenue.

Key facts about how the GOP could amend the US Constitution

Associated Press

Republican strength in state capitols offers the party a rare chance to pursue amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Here's a look at the procedures for proposing and ratifying amendments, as well as some prospective amendments.

Proposals

Article V of the U.S. Constitution establishes two ways of proposing amendments.

The first: The U.S. House and Senate can by a two-thirds vote of each chamber refer an amendment to the states.

The second: Two-thirds of the state legislatures can request that Congress call a convention of the states to propose amendments. Although states have come close, this threshold has never been met.

Ratification

No matter how they are proposed, constitutional amendments must be ratified by three-fourths of the states to take effect. Congress can determine the method of ratification — either by state legislatures or state conventions. The president and governors have no role in the process.

Unbalanced budget

Unlike nearly all states, the federal government has no requirement to balance its budget. In the 1980s, states came just two shy of the two-thirds threshold needed to call for a convention on a balanced budget amendment before some states rescinded their resolutions. Congress also has come close to referring an amendment to the states, falling just one vote shy in the 1990s.

State efforts

There currently are 28 states with resolutions calling for a convention on a balanced budget amendment, although they use a variety of terminology. Those states are: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia.

Supporters of a balanced budget amendment are targeting nine additional Republican-led legislatures.

Those are in Arizona, Idaho, Kentucky, Minnesota, Montana, South Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. They hope to reach or surpass the required threshold of 34 states in 2017.

Other proposals

Some states have begun pushing for a broader convention agenda, with resolutions calling for amendments to "impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress."

During the past three years, similar measures have been approved by eight states — Alabama, Alaska, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

President-elect Donald Trump has pledged support for an amendment limiting congressional terms, though Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says that's not on his chamber's agenda.

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Former Republican presidential candidate Dr. Ben Carson during Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's roundtable meeting with the Republican Leadership Initiative in his offices at Trump Tower on Aug. 25 in New York. Trump has chosen former Campaign 2016 rival Ben Carson to become secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

No experience needed: Trump taps Carson for HUD secretary

By Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump chose retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson on Monday to be secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, raising fresh concerns about the lack of experience some of Trump's Cabinet picks have with agencies they're now being chosen to lead.

Carson, who opposed Trump in the Republican primaries, has no background in government or running a large bureaucracy.

In addition, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, Trump's choice to be ambassador to the United Nations, has no foreign policy experience. Steve Mnuchin, a former Goldman Sachs partner and Hollywood executive, is Trump's man to lead the Treasury Department but has never worked in government. And retired Gen. James Mattis, a widely praised battlefield commander, spent decades in the Marines but now is tapped to run the nation's largest government agency, the Defense Department, with 740,000 civilian employees in addition to 1.3 million service personnel.

Democrats swiftly criticized Carson's qualifications for his job. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi called him a "disconcerting and disturbingly unqualified choice." And New York Sen. Charles Schumer said he had "serious concerns about Dr. Carson's lack of expertise and experience in dealing with housing issues. Someone who is as anti-government as him is a strange fit for housing secretary, to say the least."

Carson would oversee a budget of nearly $50 billion that provides rental assistance for more than 5 million households. Demand for that assistance is high in part because housing costs are rising faster than incomes. HUD also promotes home ownership with the Federal Housing Administration underwriting about 1 in 6 mortgages issued in the U.S. The agency is charged with enforcing federal fair housing laws, too.

In a statement, Trump said he was "thrilled to nominate" Carson, describing his "brilliant mind" and his passion "about strengthening communities and families within those communities."

Carson, who grew up poor, quickly endorsed Trump after ending his own presidential bid despite Trump noting what he called Carson's "pathological temper." Carson has been coy about joining the new administration, saying shortly after Trump's election victory that he wasn't certain he'd fit into a Cabinet-style role in a job like Health and Human Services secretary.

"Ben shares my optimism about the future of our country," Trump said, "and is part of ensuring that this is a presidency representing all Americans."

Heading a Cabinet agency is a huge bureaucratic job, with responsibility for overseeing massive budgets and thousands of employees. Choosing a leader without management experience could present challenges, warned Ben Chang, who worked under three different administrations.

"People can learn the policies and the talking points, but the transition will be dictated by their own managerial style," said Chang, who remembered incoming Secretary of State Colin Powell walking the halls to meet with career officers and not just his executive staff.

Trump's selections also highlight a frequent divide between the two major political parties in their strategies in filling out a Cabinet: In early 2009, Republicans criticized incoming President Barack Obama for not making enough selections with private sector experience.

On Monday, Trump received a fresh stream of visitors to the New York skyscraper that bears his name. His most surprising guest was Democratic former Vice President Al Gore. Transition officials said early Monday that Gore would meet with Trump's daughter, Ivanka, about climate change, which is Gore's signature issue.

But Gore said he also met with Trump directly and the two had a "very productive conversation."

"It was a sincere search for areas of common ground," said Gore, who did not detail what the men discussed. The president-elect has called man-made climate change a hoax and has pledged to undo a number of regulations designed to protect the environment.

Outside the building, Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein vowed to forge ahead with her push for a recount in three states — Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania — that helped Trump win.

"Let every vote count," Stein said. "That's what makes America great."

Her news conference was repeatedly interrupted by shouts of protest. Several Trump supporters and Clinton supporters shouted at each other.

Separately, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said he's asking the government for $35 million to cover costs related to protecting Trump, who has indicated he will largely work out of Trump Tower before his inauguration. He will continue his "thank you" tour with a stop today in North Carolina.

As for completing his Cabinet, he has expanded his pool of candidates for secretary of State beyond the four finalists his aides identified last week.

Over the weekend, two people close to the transition told The Associated Press that Trump is moving away from two of the four former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney, the 2012 Republican presidential nominee.

That would leave former CIA Director Petraeus, who pleaded guilty to leaking classified information, and Tennessee Republican Sen. Bob Corker, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Among other possibilities, one official says, is Jon Huntsman, a former Republican Utah governor who also served as the ambassador to China and speaks Mandarin.

The people close to the transition spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the private process publicly.

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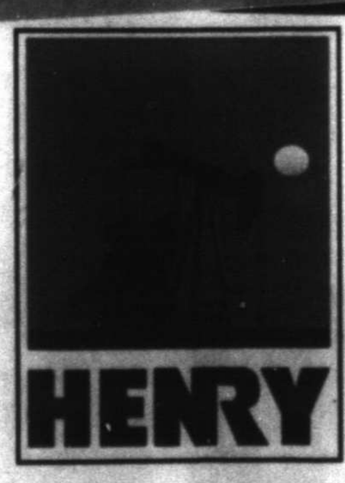

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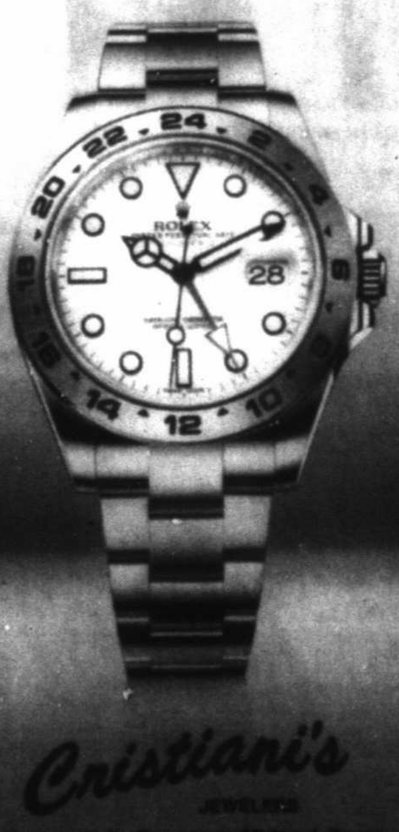

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Renzi told to stay put a bit more; foes press for vote

By Frances D'emilio
Associated Press

ROME — Calls mounted rapidly Monday from populist and other opposition leaders for quick elections in Italy, seeking to capitalize on Premier Matteo Renzi's humiliating defeat in a referendum on government-championed reforms.

The president, though, told Renzi to stay in office a bit longer until a critical budget law is passed. Some officials say Parliament could pass that law as soon as the end of the week.

"With the referendum vote, the Italians have expressed a clear political signal — the desire to go as soon as possible to elections," wrote Vito Crimi and Danilo Toninelli, two of the top leaders of the populist, anti-euro, 5-Star Movement in a piece accompanying the blog of Movement founder, comic Beppe Grillo.

Barely an hour after the referendum was resoundingly rejected Sunday by voters, Renzi announced he would keep his promise to quit if the measures fail to win popular muster.

With the defeat plunging Europe's fourth-largest economy into political and economic uncertainty, and financial markets seeking reassurances, President Sergio Mattarella asked Renzi to hold off on leaving until the budget legislation is passed.

Renzi called on Mattarella at the Quirinal Palace Monday evening and told the head of state it was not possible to continue in his post, after putting the fate of his nearly three-year-old center-left government on the line in the referendum vote and losing, a palace statement said.

But, in a decision widely expected, Mattarella told Renzi "to delay his resignation until that task (of the budget law) is completed."

Mattarella can ask someone else to try to form a government and work with the same Parliament, at least for a few months. Renzi's squabbling Democrats are the biggest party in the legislature, which could lead the president to tap someone from the Democratic Party fold.

But Renzi, as head of the party, could very well decide that early elections are the best course, to avoid the risk of angering the electorate by delaying, ventured Mario Calabresi, editor and commentator at La Repubblica daily.

Demands mounted from opposition parties, eager to capitalize on Renzi's political misfortunes, for elections to be called far ahead of the spring 2018 due date. Former three-time Premier Silvio Berlusconi, the center-right leader, was among them.

"We are certain that the president of the republic will know how to pinpoint the most correct solution to assure Italians ... the possibility to vote and finally choose, after three non-elected governments," Berlusconi said.

Berlusconi himself was forced to resign in 2011 amid growing international concern over Italy's sovereign debt crisis and was replaced by economist Mario Monti, without elections. After Monti's government unraveled, a Democrat, Enrico Letta, was appointed. Renzi, as the Democratic Party leader, used party maneuvering to push Letta out of office and take the premiership for himself in February 2014.

Angling to gain national power for the first time are the 5-Stars, who did well in mayoral races earlier this year, including winning City Hall in Rome, Italy's capital.

Grillo himself can't hold office because of a manslaughter conviction arising from an auto accident.

Also energized by Renzi's debacle is the anti-immigrant Northern League, whose leader has allied himself with far-right figures in Europe including France's Marine Le Pen, head of the National Front.

Northern League leader Matteo Salvini called for an immediate election this winter "because real change happens only through electoral victory."

While Italy's opposition parties were united in antipathy for Renzi's policies and reform course, they have little else in common and have already begun vying to position themselves for eventual campaigning for Parliament.

Since the Italian president tries to ensure Parliament can carry out its full five-year term, analysts expect that Mattarella will appoint a transition government to draft a new election law that could satisfy parties worried the way the rules now stand, their forces might be at a disadvantage.

Among the names touted to head it are Renzi's finance minister, Pier Carlo Padoan; the president of the Senate, former anti-Mafia prosecutor Pietro Grasso; and Foreign Minister Paolo Gentiloni.

European partners sought to downplay the risk for the common euro currency and European unity.

"This is a crisis of government, not a crisis of state, and it's not the end of the West. But it's certainly not a positive contribution against the backdrop of the crisis in Europe," German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said in Athens.

Investors had been anticipating Renzi's defeat for several days, and had sold off Italian stocks and bonds. Monday's sanguine market reaction can also be attributed to the fact that Italy's markets indirectly enjoy a big backstop from the European Central Bank.

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Italian Premier Matteo Renzi, left, speaks during a press conference at the premier's office Chigi Palace on Monday in Rome. Renzi acknowledged defeat in a constitutional referendum and announced he will resign Monday. Italians voted Sunday in a referendum on constitutional reforms that Premier Matteo Renzi has staked his political future on. At right, Renzi's wife Agnese Landini listens.

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Community colleges can limit guns on campus

By Lindsay Ellis
Houston Chronicle

Community colleges can take students' ages into account as they decide where and when license holders can and cannot carry concealed handguns on campus, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said in an opinion last month.

"Such rules could prohibit concealed handguns in specific classrooms and campus areas at times where there may be a congregation of minors, as well as specific rooms where child-care services are provided," he wrote on Tuesday.

Like four-year universities, junior and community colleges "may not categorically prohibit concealed handguns" from campus, he said in the latest opinion on Senate Bill 11, which allows some Texans to carry concealed handguns on college campuses. Four-year public universities began complying with the law on Aug. 1, but the law will not be enacted at two-year institutions like community colleges until next August.

Paxton's nuance recognizes that many community colleges — including ones around Houston — are teaching thousands of dual-credit and other high school students per semester. Partnerships between community colleges and local independent school districts let minors take courses on community-college campuses.

He was responding to four questions posed in a May letter by state Rep. Abel Herrero, D-Robstown.

"Many junior and community colleges have Early College High Schools ("ECHS") and dual credit students," Herrero wrote, adding that many of these students are "fully integrated" in campus facilities. "Can a junior/community college prohibit handguns in the classrooms on the college campus, if minor children may attend classes in any or all of the classrooms on that campus?"

Paxton said junior and community colleges cannot categorically prohibit handguns from these campuses, but that they can establish "reasonable rules" that could keep guns away from minors by barring concealed handguns at certain times in certain areas of the schools.

Throughout the year, area community colleges have reached out to students, faculty and staff for their thoughts on the law and what areas of campus should be dubbed "gun-free." Committees have met at Lone Star College and Houston Community College this fall to discuss implementation.

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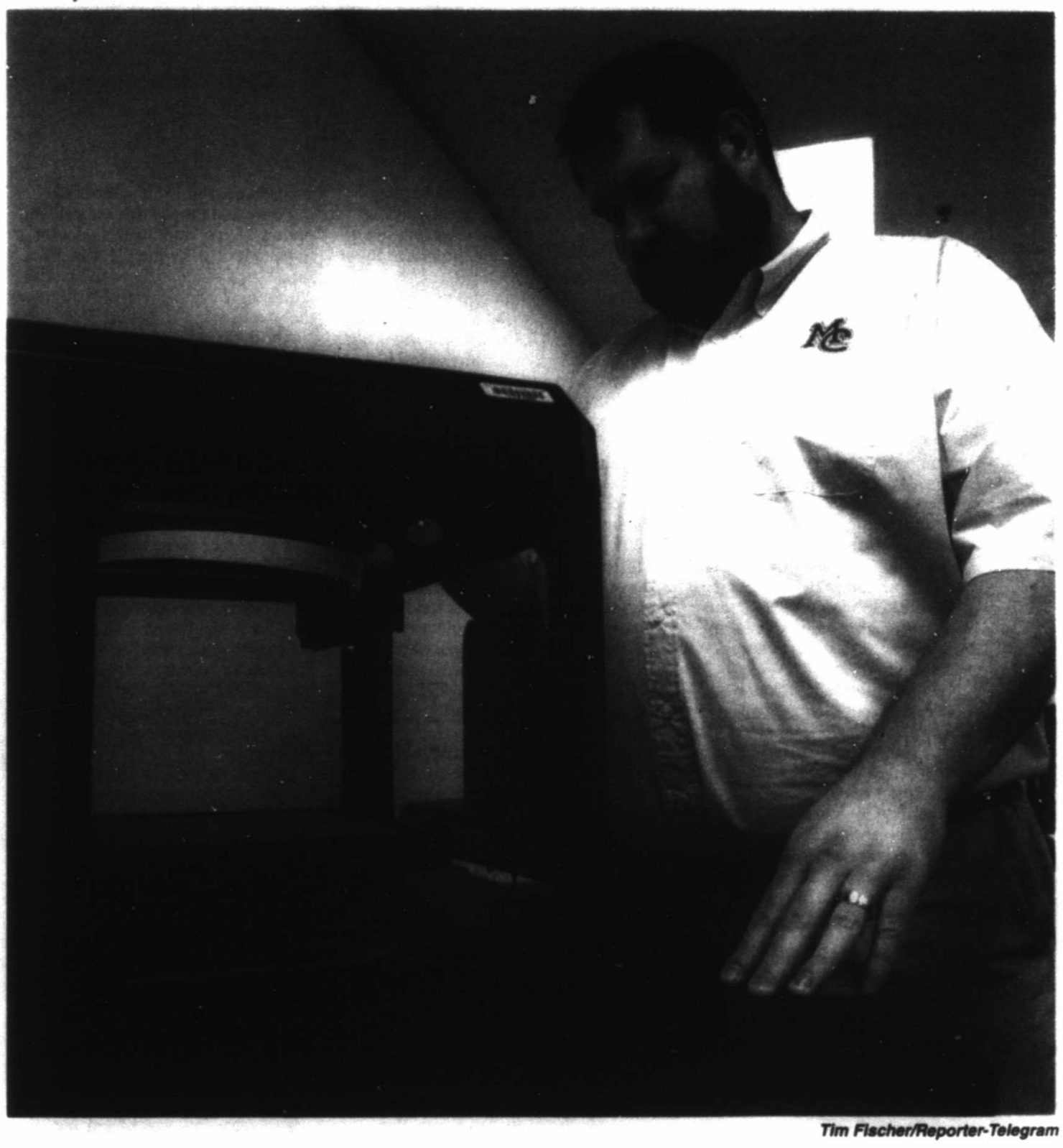

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Derek Gasch gets a 3D printer setup Nov. 30 at Midland College's Idea Factory at the ATC.

MC offers expanded technology space

■ Students can collaborate on projects at Idea Factory

By Simone Jasper
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Local students interested in technology have a new space to design projects. The Idea Factory recently opened to Midland College students and faculty, and it could expand access to the public.

The Idea Factory is a makerspace area, a place for using technology to create and collaborate with others. When MC started the makerspace this year, it became one of many venues across the country to provide hands-on technology equipment.

Derek Gasch, department chair of manufacturing services, said the center allows MC students to work together.

"Somebody might not be in the computer graphics program," Gasch said. "They might be a student in engineering or art, but there could be a computer graphics student in the lab. They can work together for the benefit of both to create."

The Idea Factory is in a converted classroom at the Advanced Technology Center on West Cuthbert Avenue. The college already had 3D printing, which allows users to make prototypes from computer models. Computer graphics students have used 3D printers since 2005, Gasch said.

But the national makerspace movement encouraged the college to create a designated collaboration space.

"About a year ago, I got together with an engineering instructor and a physics instructor here at Midland College," Gasch said. "We came up with the Idea Factory — naming the lab and making it available to students. Then we started building the base for it."

When the Idea Factory opened in August, MC expanded access of the facility to all students and faculty. Equipment in the space now includes 3D printers, 3D scanners and a laser engraver. Users must reimburse MC for materials they use in the space.

Gasch hopes to inform students about the resources available to them. In January, he wants to start an awareness campaign with an open house and campus-wide emails.

The college is also seeking ways to give makerspace access to the wider community.

"Something a lot of people want is an area to go to discover, collaborate and create things," Gasch said. "It's really rewarding to create things. Right

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MITCHELL SCHNURMAN
Dallas Morning News

TAB calls on Legislature to hold schools accountable

Bill Hammond has been a major voice in Austin for four decades. In the 1980s, he was elected as a state representative from the Dallas area and served four terms. In the mid-'90s, he was chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission. Since 1998, he's been chief executive of the Texas Association of Business, which calls itself the state's chamber of commerce. Recently, he's led the opposition to new rules for transgender people in bathrooms, arguing that such restrictions would harm residents, employers and Texas' business brand.

Hammond is retiring from TAB at the end of the year, soon after turning age 69. While he plans to do some lobbying next year, he wants more time for family and travel, and may take up fly fishing. His group doesn't speak for all businesses, but he said 90 percent of employers agree with 90 percent of TAB's agenda. "We're very engaged in the political," Hammond said, "because politics precedes policy."

As you look back on Texas and government since the 1980s, what are the biggest hits and misses?

Two big issues changed dramatically: workers' compensation and tort reform. In workers' comp, we went from one of the most expensive states to one of the least expensive. That happened while I was in the Legislature. Then in 2002, Republicans had the majority in both houses, and several coalitions worked together to bring massive tort reform to Texas.

The biggest disappointment is that we haven't moved the needle enough on education. So many Latinos don't graduate ready for college or careers, and they'll make up a majority of the workforce eventually. We're not paying enough attention to this.

Texas has created a very strong business climate that attracts people and businesses, and that'll continue. The one chink in the armor is our failure to educate children in poverty. If we can crack that nut, we can keep the revolution going a long time.

You said that Texas spends more than $50 billion a year on public education and doesn't get a decent return. When that spending is adjusted for inflation, the total has fallen by over $3 billion since 2010 and over half a million new students are enrolled. Texas ranks 43rd in per-student spending. Would business support higher taxes and funding for education?

If we're honest about accountability and we're seeing the right things are getting done, then we'd support more money.

Today, the vast majority of campuses, according to the state agency, are meeting expectations. They're not meeting our expectations.

To graduate from high school, they have five tests. Four are at the 9th grade level

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GUEST VIEW
Dallas Morning News

Quality pre-K needs sustained funding and commitment

Gov. Greg Abbott was right on the mark during the last legislative session when he made early-childhood education a priority. Lawmakers added $118 million in emergency grants to improve prekindergarten.

Research has repeatedly shown that quality pre-K, especially full-day programs, works. Getting children in these classes early is the best way to boost their chances of future academic success. It pays off in fewer dropouts and a better-educated workforce.

One-time grants provided in HB4 were a good first step for Texas schools. But lawmakers need to make a longer-term investment to really move the needle on achievement for more children.

Two recent studies — one that reviewed Texas' grant program and another that tracked thousands of Texas students — make that overwhelmingly clear.

The nonprofit Commit Partnership developed a report card after surveying districts throughout North Texas — including Dallas, DeSoto, Duncanville, Irving, Richardson, Mesquite and McKinney.

For smaller districts, the grant didn't provide enough funding to expand half-day programs to the more effective full-day programs. Some large districts, such as Dallas, used the $6.5 million it received on one-time expenses.

Then consider that other districts didn't even apply or turned down the money because they found it couldn't cover required improvements, or, not knowing whether the program would be renewed, they didn't want to risk implementing the program only to cut it back later if funding dried up.

That's no way to help districts plan and execute lasting strategic improvements.

Derek Little, DISD's assistant superintendent for early learning, knows his district is in a better position than most because it has already made pre-K a priority — with remarkable gains where it's been offered.

Still, he notes that systemic statewide improvements will take more than a one-time investment from Austin. And he's right.

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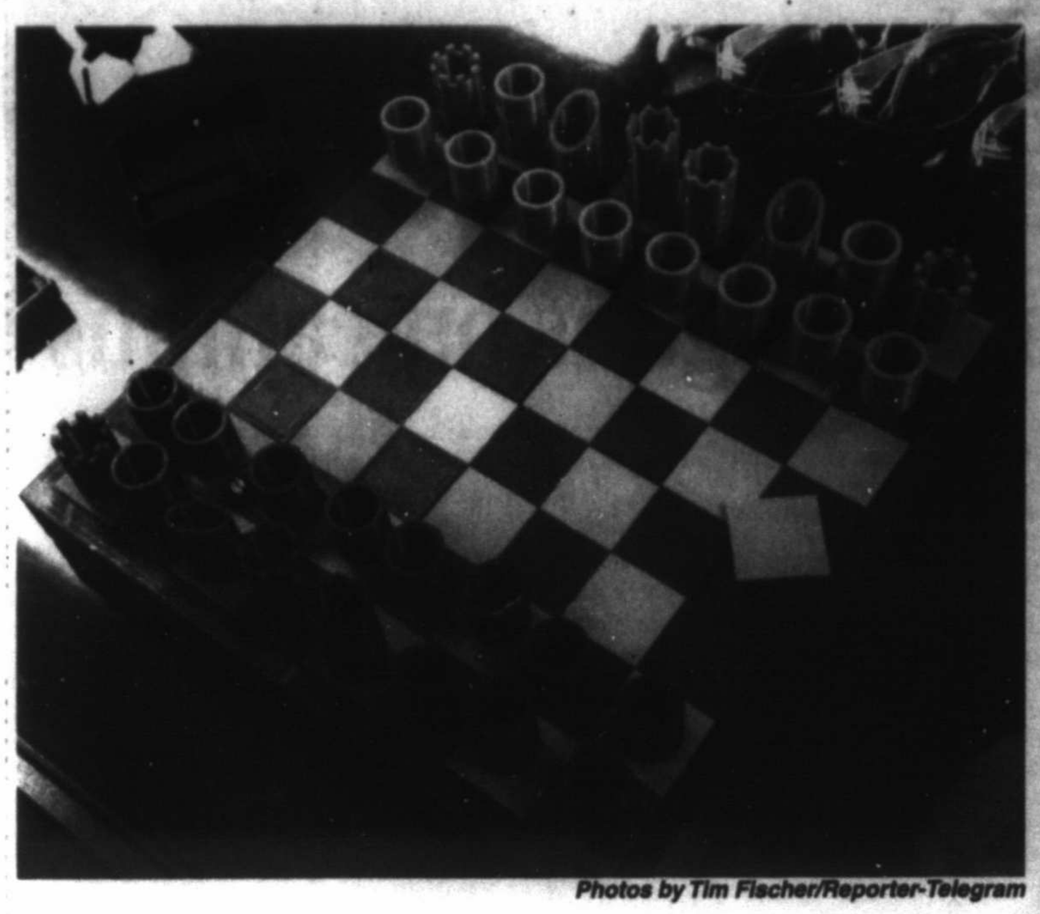

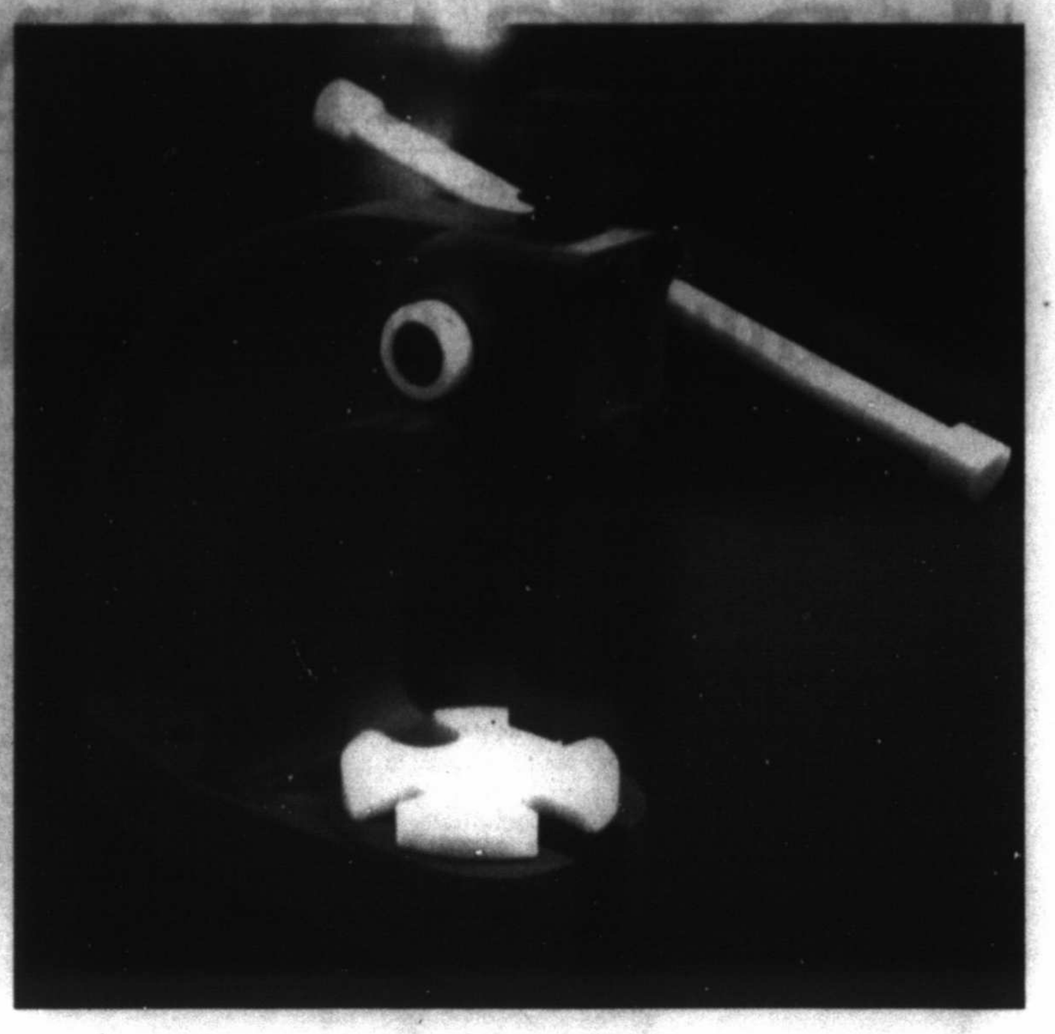

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ABOVE: A complete chess set, including each piece, the board pieces, and the box to hold everything was made at the Idea Factory at Midland College's ATC on Wednesday. **RIGHT:** Individual pieces printed to be made into a small press.

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now it's with students, but we would like to see the public aspect of this."

MC hasn't set a date for opening the Idea Factory to the public. In the meantime, the college is seeking more equipment for the space. It wants to add computer-controlled machines, including a CNC mill for cutting.

MC recently received a $3,100 donation for the makerspace from the Grande Communications Grande Cares Club, the company's philanthropic employee group. The money will go toward purchasing a vinyl cutter.

Wendy Gilbert, director of development and alumni relations, said the cutter will enhance projects students create on 3D printers.

"One example for architecture is students can make a house prototype," Gilbert said. "The vinyl cutter can make stickers to make it more realistic."

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Fulton

Midland High School senior **Macy Fulton** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Gary and Alicia Fulton.

She is a member of National Honor Society and band and is French Honor Society vice president. She is an academic and band letterman.

She is vice president of Pickwick Players and volunteers with Meals on Wheels and Midland Community Theatre.

Fulton plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in theater production.

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Koo

Lee High School senior **Sophia Koo** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Hongnak and Sangsim Koo.

She is a member of orchestra, StrictLEE Strings, academic decathlon team, National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. She is a National Merit semi-finalist, an AP Scholar and Questbridge College Prep Scholar.

She volunteers with her church's Sunday school and serves as a tutor.

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Several Greenwood High School students were named to the "A" honor roll for the second six weeks.

Note: The list does not include students whose parents have requested that information about their children not be released.

■ Ninth grade: **Kensleigh Alderson, Christian Bell, Kevin Calderon, Raini Darr, Brantly Hoover, Katelyn Killebrew, Annalisa Leyva-Vargas, Agustin Panalez, Katherine Roberts, Karlie Savage, Jantzen Shoults, Kelsea Tipping, Fernando Vargas** and **Alejandro Zapata.**

■ 10th grade: **Kaylee Cheek, Carsten Cook, Nathan Flores, Logan Jarvis, Kaitlan Keel, Lexi Knapp, Riley Little, Reagan Miller, Taylor Payton, Jacob Somers, Brandi Sutter, Garrett Turner, Jaylene Valenzuela Moiza** and **Jennifer Valerio-Gandarilla.**

■ 11th grade: **Cade Bracey, Mackenzie Butts, Crosby Cobb, Kyndall Dove, Faith Duran, Aundrea Evans, Ryan Grantham, Matthew Groeschel, Benjamin Hawley, Steven Hawley, Gracie Huber, Bethany Kahler, Natalee Karcher, Kayleigh Kitto, Sittiphol Koosermmit, Cassidy Mebane, Dawson Merryman, Kaitlin Murphy, Ricardo Reyes, Dalton Richardson, Jarod Rose, Jacie Roye, Blaike Thompson** and **Madison Ulcak.**

■ 12th grade: **Nakia Armendariz, Ben Brockman, Blake Elliott, Alexander Evans, Shelby Farmer, Jiles Finch, Sydnee Jordan, Colby Karcher, Seth Keeton, Vance Martinez, Cylie Mebane, Colton Moore, Kylee Onick, Braden Ray** and **Aydan Rivera.**

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The second study, from Children at Risk, suggests Texas would get a big return from expanding pre-K.

With funding from the Meadows Foundation, it tracked about 47,000 poor pre-K students over five years in 17 districts, including Dallas, Austin, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

The study found that students who attended high-quality pre-K in 2010 scored, on average, 28 points higher on the 2015 third-grade STAAR reading test than students who attended lower quality programs or no pre-K at all. Further, students enrolled in full-day pre-K had 40 percent higher odds of reading at a college-ready pace in third-grade than those who did not attend pre-K.

Stunningly, some conservative state leaders will still need convincing during the next session. Critics point to a 2015 study from Vanderbilt University that found that students in Tennessee's pre-K programs had an initial spike before gains dropped off by third grade.

But Tennessee's analysis didn't show that pre-K doesn't produce lasting results; it showed that poor-quality pre-K doesn't produce lasting results.

Among other things, quality full-day programs require limited class sizes and small teacher-student ratios for one-on-one learning.

"This isn't a vaccination; it's a building block," said Bob Sanborn, CEO of Children At Risk. "When you have high-quality full-day pre-K and high-quality K-3, the results are undeniable."

We urge Texas lawmakers to do a deep dive on this new data and give our schoolchildren what they need to succeed.

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and some only require students to get 40 percent correct on a multiple choice test. English is tested at the 10th grade level. That does not equate to career or college readiness.

Last year, many kids asked for a waiver on the tests and they got it. So there's no honest accountability.

We support a thorough cost of education study to give us the numbers of what all our programs should cost. Lawmakers are not going to do anything with more money in the next session because they're going to be billions short (on revenue). But they can do things about accountability.

As a legislator, you supported education reform in the 1980s when Ross Perot helped lead the effort. You also pushed to require graduating students to pass tougher exams. Now you're a big supporter of an A-F grading system for schools. Why is that so important?

Half the children in Texas who show up to kindergarten are 12 to 18 months behind, and it takes six years of excellent teaching to get them to grade level. And excellent teaching often doesn't occur.

If the state is saying most campuses are meeting expectations, yet less than 1 in 3 students are graduating career or college ready, that doesn't square. It's not a realistic system.

The education establishment gives letter grades to kids every day, but they don't want letter grades for them. They hate the idea of accountability for them.

Which came first: a decline in school funding or a decline in accountability?

They were fairly simultaneous. One of the things we've proposed is that part of a school's money be based on an increase in productivity. The real deal is for the leadership of this state to put pressure on the education establishment to do a better job. Focus on the students, not the teachers.

Unless things change, we'll have an increasing percentage of our population and our workforce having a lower level of education. They won't be able to read your newspaper and they won't be able to afford it — both of which are tragic.

Your association opposes a higher minimum wage and local ordinances that establish a so-called living wage. Meanwhile, income inequality is a growing problem in Texas. What do you say to workers who feel insecure about their prospects?

We have to do a better job in growing the economy. For eight years, the average rate of growth has been 2 percent. That's not OK. It's got to be higher.

How? Start by repatriating some of the money that's kept abroad. We have the highest corporate tax rate in the world. We also should look at a whole range of regulations that came out of the Obama administration. Many have a negative impact on the economy, like the big increase in overtime pay for salaried workers. We oppose that.

On the state level, we should make more investments in infrastructure, water and roads. The state could do a much better job in education, as I said, because many Texans don't have the skills to make a decent living.

The minimum wage is a starting point, a training wage. It's for people who don't have a track record or the right skills. Raising the minimum would hurt the people it's supposed to help, because they won't get hired. Besides, I don't know anyone making the minimum wage, at least in Austin.

Would any structural changes address inequality?

I stole this from Jeb Bush. The No. 1 issue facing society today is: Will children born in poverty die in poverty?

Education is the answer.

What are other priorities for business in the Legislature that opens in January?

Telemedicine is an issue we're focused on. For us, it's about saving time and money. It's entirely an option. If you want to see a doctor in person or go to the ER, fine. But for a lot of workers, especially with children, if you can call a doctor over the phone, it's a win-win.

About 60 percent of services handled in the ER can be handled efficiently by telemedicine. Forty-eight states allow what we're asking for and our request is to put it in a statute so more employers can buy the service with their insurance.

The cost of health insurance is always in the top three (issues) for large and small businesses. This is a way to reduce those costs.

Texas has a reputation as a low-regulation state, yet the rules for telemedicine are among the most restrictive in the country. How is that?

Doctors are a strong lobby in Texas and they're holding sway on this. But telemedicine works well throughout the country and Texas needs a lot more access to care, especially in rural areas.

Doctors see the writing on the wall so they're coming around. But if they want to set a rate for telemedicine visits, we're opposed to that.

We also have problems with other rules. In Texas, dental hygienists aren't allowed to give Novocain to patients. Nurse practitioners have to be supervised by doctors. All these regulations drives up fees and costs.

Don't such regulations run counter to public perception about Texas?

Absolutely, because this is the bastion of free enterprise. We're trying to protect consumers and drag Texas into the 21st century with other states.

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Fake news is a cancer on education

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Fake news is on people's radar like never before, due to speculation about what role it may have played in the past election. And not a moment too soon; the lack of media literacy in this country is becoming an epidemic — one that, like so many other public health threats, is particularly harmful to children.

Recently, researchers at Stanford University's History Education Group began to measure what they call "civic online reasoning," which they define as the ability to judge the credibility of information viewed while on electronic devices.

The Group administered 56 tasks designed to evaluate understanding of the reliability of news sources to middle school, high school and college students — in both well-resourced and under-resourced schools — across 12 states.

What the researchers found comes as no surprise to anyone who spends time with young adults who have had digital devices in their hands since toddlerhood:

"Overall, young people's ability to reason about the information on the internet can be summed up in one word: bleak," reads the study's executive summary. "We would hope that middle school students could distinguish an ad from a news story. By high school, we would hope that students reading about gun laws would notice that a chart came from a gun owners' political action committee. And, in 2016, we would hope college students, who spend hours each day online, would look beyond a .org URL and ask who's behind a site that presents only one side of a contentious issue. But in every case and at every level, we were taken aback by students' lack of preparation."

The authors conclude that our ability to harness the power of the free flow of information is threatened by media illiteracy and "will depend on our awareness of this problem and our educational response to it. At present, we worry that democracy is threatened by the ease at which disinformation about civic issues is allowed to spread and flourish."

Unfortunately, the skill of media literacy is a narrow one that is possessed mostly by people in the media. We cannot expect parents to teach their children skills like understanding that "native advertising" and "sponsored content" on a legitimate news site are not independently reported news without a hidden agenda if the parents themselves don't understand that there is a distinction.

And expecting the educational system to craft a response to this major blind spot in current education curricula for tomorrow's voters and citizens is practically out of the question.

A 2015 study on the necessity of media literacy for teachers found that "Media literacy remains perhaps the most important addition to current teacher education, even if it must be 'slipped in' with the rest of the curriculum [because] requiring an entire course in media literacy in undergraduate teacher education may not be feasible at many colleges and universities with teacher preparation programs."

As a teacher, I have seen countless students who could not spot the differences between reliable sources and plain propaganda. But, worse, I've seen numerous examples of teaching materials that have included outdated (and therefore incorrect) news articles, handouts produced by for-profit

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LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Dance Moms		Dance Chat "Fight for Your Life" (N)		Dance Moms "Abby's Worst Nightmare" (N)		Knocked Up "Audra" (P) (N)		Little Women: Dallas "Friday Night Fights"		Dance Moms: Chat "Fight for Your Life"	
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All In With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				Poker After Dark		Poker After Dark		Poker After Dark		Poker After Dark		Poker After Dark		Poker After Dark	
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WGN		19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops "Liar Liar #4"	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Yale to review decision on keeping slavery advocate's name on college

By Nick Anderson
Washington Post

A Yale University panel declared Friday that the school should consider renaming buildings on campus "only in exceptional circumstances" and ensure that any removal of a name "does not have the effect of erasing history."

The report from the Committee to Establish Principles on Renaming opened the door for Yale to revisit a controversial decision earlier this year not to rename a residential building, Calhoun College, that commemorates a prominent 19th century advocate of slavery and white supremacy.

John Calhoun, a Yale graduate, was a U.S. senator from South Carolina and a vice president who provided powerful political support for the preservation and expansion of slavery in antebellum America. His name was given to Calhoun College in 1931 to honor an alumnus whom Yale then termed a "statesman."

But the Yale of the early 20th century, a bastion of white male privilege, was very different from the racially diverse and coeducational Yale of today. The transformation of the university helped fuel discussion about the Calhoun name, a conversation that gained momentum following the June 2015 massacre of African American parishioners at a church in Charleston, South Carolina The shooting, which authorities call a hate crime, helped prompt South Carolina to take down a Confederate flag that had flown on the grounds of the state Capitol and prompted a review of Confederate imagery and racially charged symbols at schools and public institutions across the country.

After lengthy deliberation, Yale President Peter Salovey announced in April that the university would stick with the name of Calhoun College, saying at the time that he did not want to obscure Yale's association with the legacy of slavery.

On Friday, Salovey announced that the university will move swiftly to review that decision. He appointed three advisers — two professors and an alumnus who lived at Calhoun College — to review the Calhoun case in light of the new report. Salovey said in a message to the community that he expects the Yale Corporation, which governs the university, would make a final decision early next year.

"Questions of naming and commemoration raise difficult but important discussions," Salovey said. "These are complicated intellectual and moral issues faced by universities and other institutions around the world. From the outset, I have sought for Yale to bring its scholarly resources to bear on this subject of national and international import. My hope is that the principles announced today will prove useful not only to our community but to others as well."

The Yale committee on renaming, chaired by law and history professor John Fabian Witt, included graduates, students, faculty and administrators. Its report was unanimous.

"History is one of the forms of knowledge at the core of the enterprise," the committee declared. It continued:

"To erase a university's

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organizations looking for future customers, and untold numbers of videos from sources that were clearly produced by organizations with strong political agendas.

These things jump out at trained journalists, but it's sort of unfair to bash teachers for presenting such materials to their students as trustworthy and factual when teachers can't spot the inconsistencies and were never taught how to do so.

"When we began our work we had little sense of the depth of the problem. We even found ourselves rejecting ideas for tasks because we thought they would be too easy. Our first round of piloting shocked us into reality," the Stanford History Education Group study declares. "Many assume that because young people are fluent in social media they are equally savvy about what they find there. Our work shows the opposite."

They believe that awareness is the first step in demonstrating the link between digital literacy and citizenship in order to "mobilize educators, policymakers, and others to address this threat to democracy."

But public education institutions move glacially while those who use technology to push their agendas evolve quickly to disguise their bias by making it look like impartial content.

Realistically, today's citizens are on their own in learning how to spot fake news But there is a way to start: Study the URL to see if you recognize it, or if it has other letters after the dot-com. Then take a quick look at some of the headlines. This can tell you a lot.

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COAT COLLECTION

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Trinity School athletes and Upper School Prefects recently collected coats, gloves and hats that will be sent to Yazidi orphans who are in a refugee camp in northern Iraq. The students collected these items during the morning carpool line for Lower and Intermediate schools.

Indiana high school senior finds motivation in his younger sister

By Ryan O'Gara
Muncie Star Press

MUNCIE, Ind. — From first through fifth grade, Cory Cooper was in the gifted program at Storer Elementary School. When the program shifted to another school, he noticed how sad some people at the school were to see it leave — and how different that reaction was when the special education program transferred to a different school in similar fashion.

In Cory's mind, everybody else had it backwards. The Storer community was hurt more by losing the special education program than his gifted program, he thought, because of people like his younger sister Madison, who is developmentally challenged.

That was about seven years ago, and Cory's mom, Terri, still remembers what her son said that day: "Wait a minute, you didn't cry when my sister left, why would you cry when I leave? That's who you're missing out on, getting to know her.

"I learn something from her every day. She doesn't learn something from me every day."

Cory, now a Central senior with a bevy of academic opportunities, is a "top-notch," wrestler, according to his coach, Mark Scott. And that's the third-most impressive thing about him, Scott says, behind the 4.0 grade-point average and his extensive involvement in unified sports so that he can hang out with his sister. "It's just amazing to see an individual spend so much time with their sibling and care for her," Scott said.

After they were born 14 months apart, Terri would lay Cory and Madison on the couch as babies and they would wiggle closer to each other until they were touching. Madison couldn't talk or walk until about five years ago, so Cory read books and tried to learn sign language and then teach her. They developed their own language.

"When she couldn't talk, he would come to me and say, 'Maddie is hungry or Maddie is thirsty,'" Terri said. "And I'd be like, 'No she's not, how do you know?' He'd say, 'Because I just know.' So I'd ask her, 'Maddie are you thirsty?' And she would nod. . They were just connected, he knew what she needed when she needed it."

Even as doctors predicted that Madison would never walk or talk, Cory remained steadfast in his belief that they were wrong. He would tell his mom, "(The doctors) don't know, mom — I know."

About five years ago, Madison overcame her speech disability and motor issues and "came out of her shell," Cory says. And Madison has made up for lost time; Cory says he can't go down the hallway at school or around town without spotting her and saying hi, and he happily admits, "She's way more popular than I am."

Cory has gotten creative with his schedule, typically arriving at Central between 6:30 and 7 a.m. each day to work on homework so that he has as much time as possible after school for wrestling and unified sports. He is involved in nearly as many unified sports (golf, volleyball, softball, bowling, track, swimming) as AP classes (English, statistics, calculus, government, economics, physics and biology).

"Doctors told her she'd never be able to read, talk or walk, now she does all those things perfectly fine," Cory said. "She's an inspiration to me, really. I feel like if she can do stuff doctors said was impossible, I can make time out of my day to have fun with her."

Cory had been begging his parents to get involved with Special Olympics and unified sports since Madison was around 8 years old, and about two years ago, they finally relented. Now they can't imagine life without it. There are some weeks in the summer that they will have some sort of combination of sports five days per week.

Cory, who is coming off a close loss at wrestling semistate as a junior, is 5-0 on the mat this year for the Bearcats. With a 33 ACT and a weighted GPA of an estimated 4.5, Cory doesn't plan on wrestling in college as he has his sights set on MIT or Yale. But ultimately, his mom predicts that he might stay close to home and attend Purdue instead — so he can stay close to Maddie and stay involved in unified sports.

At church on a recent Sunday, the pastor called some of the younger people up to the front and asked them to share with the rest of the attendees what they were thankful for, since Thanksgiving was just a few days away. Some said their family, some said food.

When it was Madison's turn, she exclaimed, "Cory!"

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McKinney school incorporates new exercise curriculum into PE

By Nanette Light
Dallas Morning News

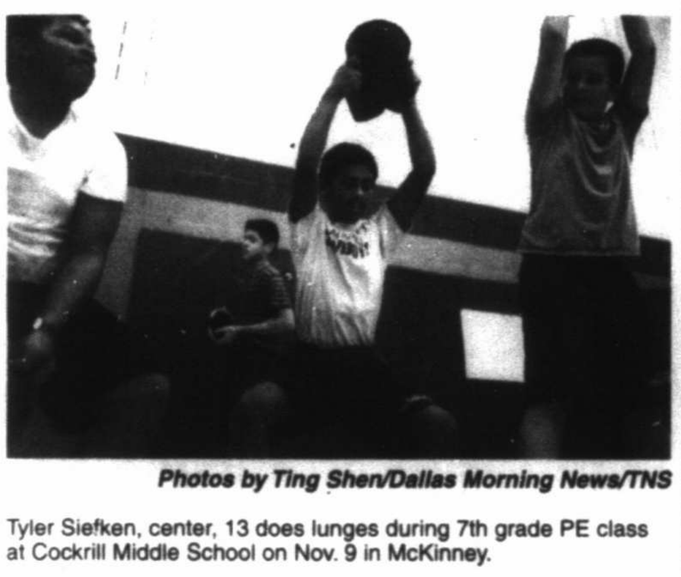
MCKINNEY — Follow the thuds of the sandbell slams, and you'll find the gym at Cockrill Middle School.

Inside, kids lift the weighted bags over their heads, throwing them onto the wooden floor. Booms like thunder echo through the building.

Nearby, others in gym shorts and sneakers jump rope. Some squat like they're sitting in a chair. And a few wince as they reach their arms over their heads for situps.

This isn't boot camp or CrossFit. It's called Functional Fitness — a new Texas Education Agency-approved strength and conditioning exercise curriculum from Austin-based GenerationFit.

"If you know anything about middle school PE, it can be about who's athletic and who's not athletic," said Melanie Magee, senior director of curriculum and instruction for McKinney ISD. "This is all about not having that be the focus. It's about your body. Yourself. How do you build that lifelong habit of keeping yourself fit?"



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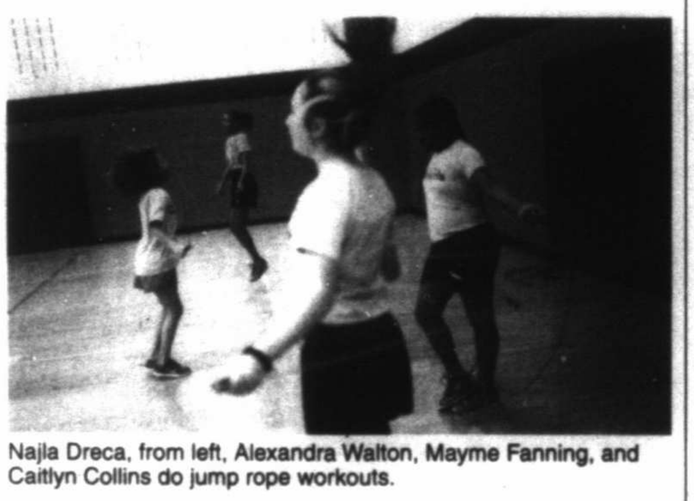
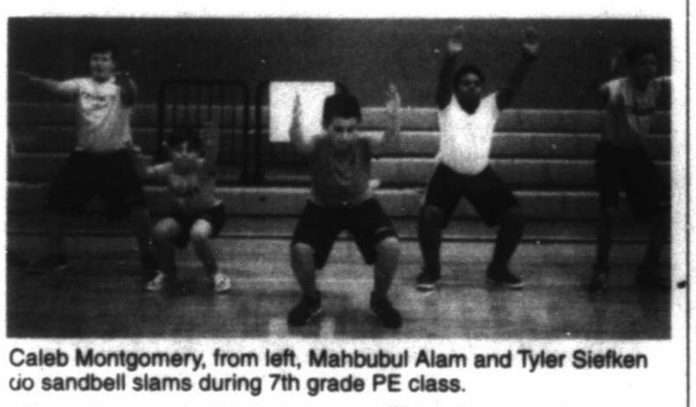
Tyler Siefken, center, 13 does lunges during 7th grade PE class at Cockrill Middle School on Nov. 9 in McKinney.



Najla Dreca, from left, Alexandra Walton, Mayme Fanning, and Caitlyn Collins do jump rope workouts.



Caleb Montgomery, from left, Mahbubul Alam and Tyler Siefken do sandbell slams during 7th grade PE class.

BUILDING UP INTEREST

McKinney ISD is one of 12 districts in the state — and the only one in North Texas — currently offering the program. That statewide number is expected to almost double next year.

Other local districts have called to ask about the program, said Karin Klemm, health and physical education coordinator for McKinney ISD. She began researching Functional Fitness a couple of years ago and spearheaded bringing it to McKinney.

The McKinney ISD incorporates the program into physical education classes two to three times per week at all its middle and high schools. Because of interest in Functional Fitness, the district next year plans to offer a higher-level course at high schools for an elective credit.

And that's notable since physical education students typically aren't jocks. They don't meet their physical education credit requirement scoring touchdowns or making baskets, though some do play sports or dance outside of school.

"It's important to have this as something that allows them to build their physical fitness if you're not an athlete," Klemm said.

'HUNGRY FOR FITNESS'

About five years ago, Round Rock ISD piloted the program under the direction of Laurie Gotcher, co-owner of GenerationFit who also owns two CrossFit gyms. Gotcher, who said she was once overweight, began developing the curriculum after noticing students training at her gym for external physical education credit.

"I learned the kids were hungry for real fitness — measurable, accountable fitness," Gotcher said in a phone interview. "And they loved what I was doing in my gyms."

In functional fitness, kids don't play basketball, soccer or tag — though these sports are still part of their weekly physical education.

"We work out. We smell. We sweat," Gotcher said.

Think burpees, jump-rope, push-ups and walking lunges. Various levels and modifications for each exercise let kids choose the intensity.

"It's more of a workout, and the workout is pretty fun," seventh-grade student Haven Chae said. "You know that you're getting stronger."

Students cool down in yoga positions like downward dog and child's pose. They journal their workout times and levels in notebooks to chronicle their progress, comparing it with their benchmarks measured throughout the year.

"That means the focus is on them now. It's not on how they toss a bean bag to get it in the little hole or make the shot," Klemm said. "It's not about athletics. It's about how can I improve myself."

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YALE

From 3B

history is antithetical to the spirit of the institution. Erasing names is a matter of special concern, because those names are, in part, a catalogue of the people whom the university has thought worthy of honor. Removing such names may obscure important information about our past."

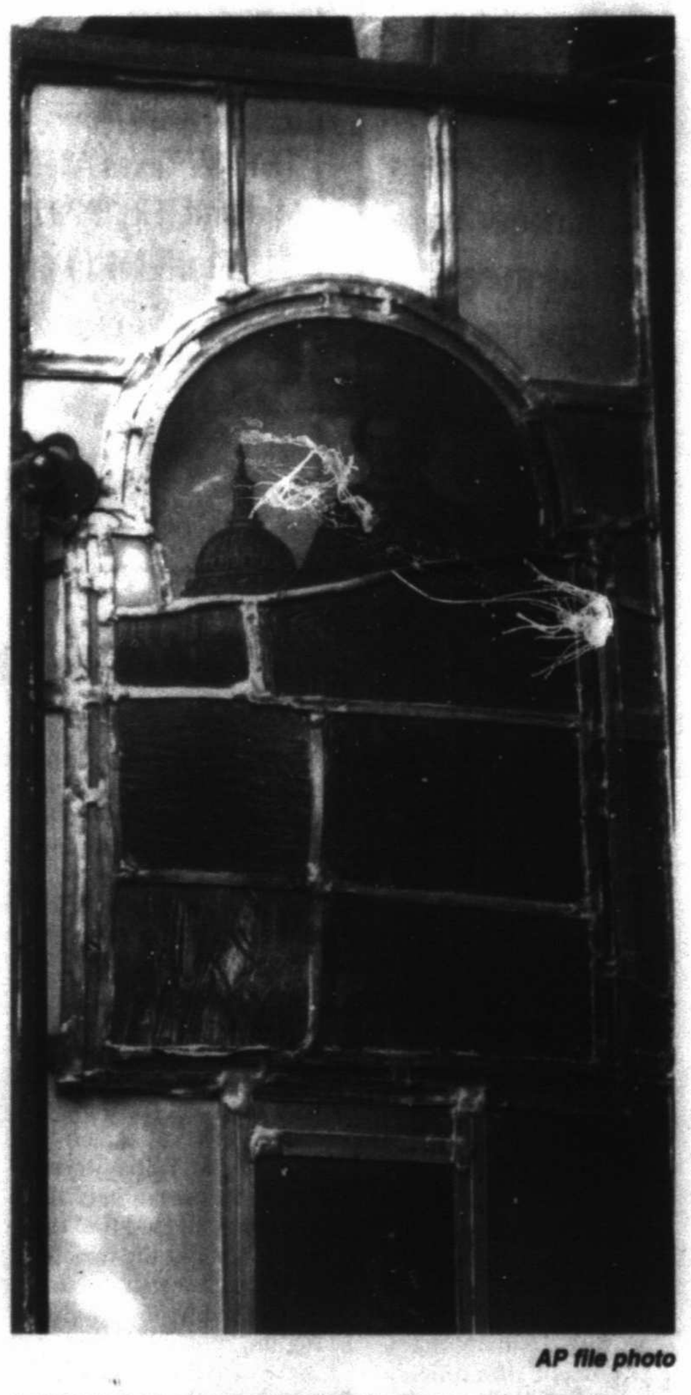
The committee's report surveyed not only the debate at Yale, which has lasted more than a year, but also naming questions at other prominent universities, including Georgetown. The Catholic university in the District last year renamed two buildings that had once commemorated early 19th century school leaders who orchestrated the sale of 272 Jesuit-owned slaves.

Jonathan Holloway, dean of Yale's undergraduate college and a professor of African American studies, history and American studies, served on the committee. Holloway, who is African American, previously was a master of Calhoun College. That title, carrying its own echoes of slavery, was recently changed. The leaders of the residential colleges at Yale are now called "heads."

Holloway, in a conference call with reporters, said that he had heard conflicting views from black graduates who lived at Calhoun College. Some said the name must change. But another told him "you've got to keep the name," Holloway said.

"It's really quite complicated, this issue," Holloway said. Above all, he said, schools like Yale must not try to hide from future generations would be considered "dirty laundry."

"That would be bad history," Holloway said.



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A stained glass window portraying Southern statesman John C. Calhoun is seen at Calhoun College on the campus of Yale University in New Haven, Conn. The college, one of the 12 residential colleges at Yale, is named for Calhoun. Yale University granted the first doctorate degree to a black person in the United States and boasts a world-renowned center for the study of slavery. But three graduate students say in a newly published essay that the university needs to examine its own history with slavery. Early leaders of Yale owned slaves, and many buildings at the Ivy League school are named after pro-slavery leaders, the students said.

NM Highlands University gets STEM funding

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS, N.M. — Students seeking science and other similar degrees at New Mexico Highlands University will have more support toward completing their studies thanks to a nearly $3 million grant.

The university says the five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education is designed to increase the number of Hispanic and low-income students who enter the workforce in science, technology, engineering and math — collectively known as STEM.

Those working toward careers as secondary education math teachers will also benefit.

Highlands Education Dean Lora Bailey says the top priority is to increase student transfer, retention and graduation rates. Introductory math courses will also be redesigned and a math learning lab will be created.

Bailey also has proposed developing a center where STEM students can access academic and financial help.

TODAY: Sunny High: 61 Low: 41

WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny High: 58 Low: 25

THURSDAY: Partly sunny High: 34 Low: 26

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 41 Low: 34

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 62 Low: 43

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 66 Low: 43

Local forecast

The National Weather Service expects a cold front to move in Wednesday night. Ahead of the cold front, expect gusts as high as 40 mph. The NWS is then calling for a 24-degree change in the high temperature from Wednesday to Thursday and below-average high and low temperatures Thursday and Friday.

The record high for Dec. 5 is 79 set in 1951. The record low is 18 set in 1950 and equaled in 2005. On Dec. 5 of last year, the high was 63 and the low was 37.

Weather brief

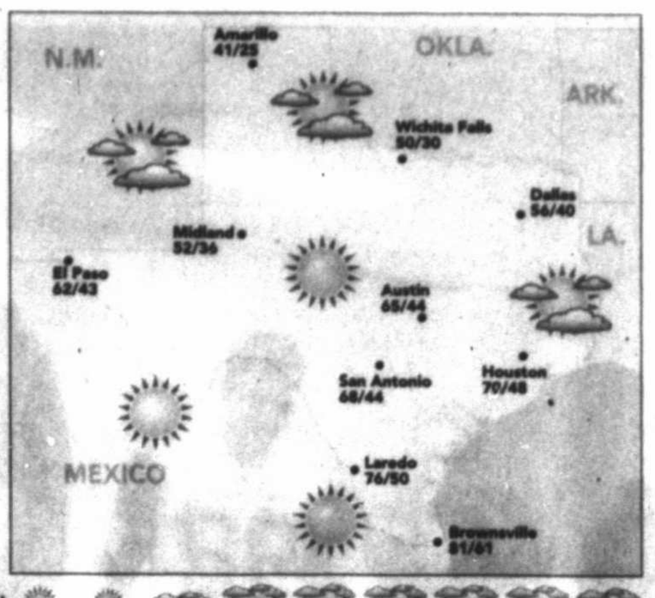
ALABAMA

NWS: 20 tornadoes confirmed last week

BIRMINGHAM — The National Weather Service says forecasters have confirmed that 20 tornadoes touched down in Alabama last week.

The agency said storm surveys found damage from 11 twisters in central Alabama and nine more in north Alabama.

The strongest was the tornado that's being blamed for three deaths and multiple injuries in Rosalie of northeast Alabama.



Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.33 in.
Year total	15.10 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.10 in.

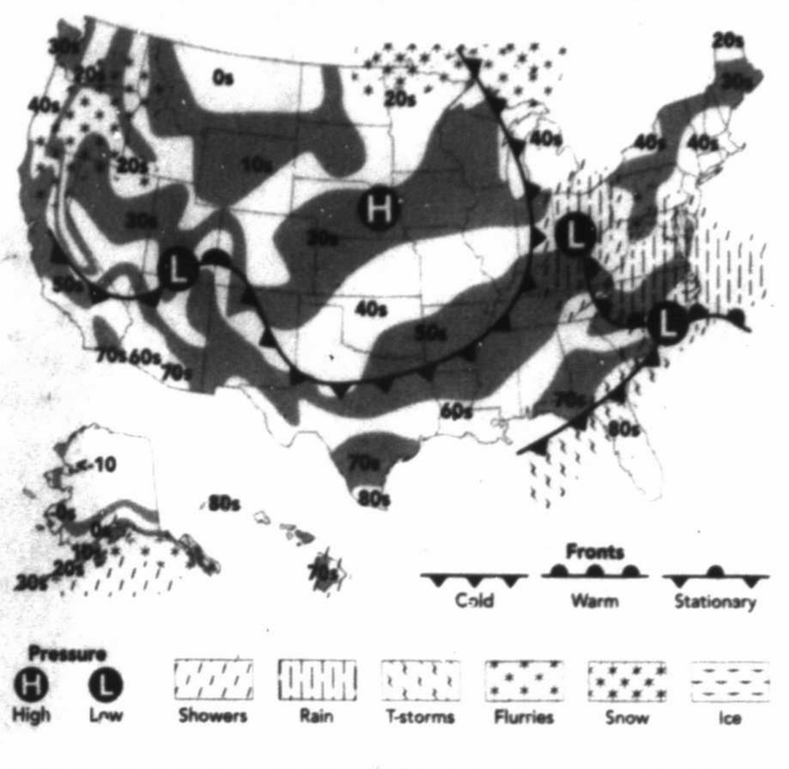
Monday's temperatures

High	62
Low	40
Normal high	60
Normal low	32
Sunrise	7:36 a.m.
Sunset	5:44 p.m.

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Knitted breast prostheses are made with tender loving care

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: You would be doing millions of women a great service by telling them about Knitted Knockers Support Foundation. It has been tirelessly working at inspiring volunteer knitters and crocheters to provide FREE soft, light prostheses for breast cancer survivors.

Typically, the traditional prostheses can be hot, heavy, expensive and take quite a while to arrive. Knitted Knockers are made by people who care. Sometimes your request can be filled that very day. All you need to do is ask. These are sent nationwide and all over the world.

I learned about this wonderful organization earlier this year, and I am now the Northern California distribution point. The response we've had from women who receive them is astounding.

Please let breast cancer survivors know about Knitted Knockers at www.Knitted-Knockers.org. There they will find an order form to fill out, and we will be happy to mail out one or a pair. They give women confidence and comfort at a time when they can really use it.

If you know a knitter or crocheter, encourage them to join the cause. Knit and crochet patterns and a list of acceptable yarns are on the website. Abby, thanks for passing the word on! — CLAIRE G. IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CLAIRE: I know many women will be glad to know about the service you are offering, and grateful for the knitters and crocheters who devote their time so generously to make recovery easier for breast cancer survivors. Thank you for writing.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a retired widow and former model. I have dated mostly men my own age and a little older. I was in a sexless (but affectionate) marriage for nearly 30 years, and I have looked forward to a robust sex life with a new love. But I'm finding that men who are intellectually matched to me are no longer interested in making love. If they are interested, they don't seem to want a monogamous relationship. Any hints? — STARVED FOR AFFECTION

DEAR STARVED: Just this. Widen your dating profile to include younger men, and if you're lucky, you may find someone who is not only your intellectual match but also can perform.

DEAR ABBY: It's Santa here, asking if I could address your readers about a couple of things my helpers at the malls are bringing to my attention.

First and foremost: When you stand in line with your child, and it's finally their turn and they start to cry, scream and tremble, please DON'T force them to sit on Santa's lap. If you do, you are traumatizing your child. Is a picture really worth your child's well-being?

Next, I would discourage new moms from rushing from the hospital with their newborn. 2- or 3-day-old babies. You need to remember how many children sit on Santa's lap. Babies' immune systems are fragile, and Santa's suit can be loaded with germs. Thanks for your time, Abby, and Merry Christmas to all. — SHOPPING MALL SANTA

DEAR S.M. SANTA: Thank you for your sensible suggestions. Some parents' heads become so full of sugarplums at Christmas that they forget their little ones are too young to associate Santa with the goodies he brings with him. I hope readers will take your message to heart.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Premier league

North-South vulnerable. South deals

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♢ A 9
♣ 10 7

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♣ A Q 8 5

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♢ Q J 10 4 2
♣ 9 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A 10 7 3 2
♡ K 8 2
♢ 6
♣ K J 6 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Dbl	4♠	All pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♢

In Great Britain, the "Premier League" is a league of soccer teams, featuring some of the finest players in the world. The "Swedish Premier League" is a competition between bridge teams, including many top players, not necessarily from Sweden. Today's deal is from one of their recent matches.

North's well-judged leap to four spades kept East-West from finding their sacrifice in five diamonds. That won't mean anything if they are able to defeat four spades. 10 tricks in spades would be child's play on a diamond lead. How would you play it on a heart lead?

Many declarers won the heart lead in hand, cashed the ace of spades (no luck there), and crossed to dummy with the ace of diamonds to lead a club. Sadly for them, the clubs were not guessable. West won the first club appropriately and continued hearts, knocking out declarer's remaining stopper in that suit, then cashed the setting trick in hearts when they won their other club honor.

Tom Gards, coach of the Swedish junior team, tried a different line. He reasoned that hearts were not likely to be splitting 5-2 after West's takeout double, so he made the unusual play of ducking the opening heart lead! He won the heart continuation in hand with the king, led a diamond to the ace and ruffed a diamond, then crossed back to dummy with a heart to the ace. Holding no red cards in either hand, he now led the queen of spades and ran it when East played low. On this lie of the cards, he picked up the king of spades right there and could afford two club losers. Had he lost to the singleton **king with West, West would have been end-played and** forced to lead a club or **yield a ruff-sluff. Well played!**

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016:

This year you feel an innate tension between who you are and what you feel. Many of you might not identify this conflict as a source of stress. Often, you speak from one perspective but act from a different stance. To those around you, your mixed messages could be a source of frustration. Be willing to discuss it. If you are single, you might attract someone who is your exact opposite. Commit only when you are sure that you have met your match. If you are attached, the two of you understand each other well. Respect your sweetie's differences. PISCES can't always understand you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Do more listening. You also might want to tap into your imagination. Test out your ideas before you decide which way to go. A logical approach will hold when the unexpected occurs. Your knee-jerk reaction will carry you through a problem. Tonight: Read the tea leaves.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Zeroing in on what you want will be worthwhile. A friend might suggest going in an interesting direction on a project that could affect your life. The unexpected seems to mark your day. Know that you can't put off a decision any longer. Tonight: Go with the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Add to an important conversation by revealing more of what you are thinking. Brainstorm in a meeting, and listen to various ideas. What emerges might be a surprising, brilliant suggestion. Don't fear the unexpected; accept it and work with it. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Detach, and know when enough is enough. You are likely to succeed if you detach. Having the ability to absorb information and see the perspective of both sides allows you to make the best decision possible. Tonight: An important associate reverses direction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Close relating is likely to reveal some interesting information. How seriously you choose to take this information depends on you. A dear friend or loved one could be volatile, especially when he or she hears unwanted news. Tonight: The unexpected marks your plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Defer to others, as you will want to hear more of what is going on outside of your immediate realm. You might need to question your direction and your long-term goals after an inspiring talk. You'll certainly gain some insight, if nothing else. Tonight: Where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Focus on your effectiveness. You sometimes get carried away with a strong idea, or your imagination leads you in a new direction. The unexpected runs riot with a partner. You might unwittingly become involved. Try to maintain your distance. Tonight: Do for you first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Let some of your rigidity and demand for self-discipline go away for a while. Experience your world differently from how you generally do. Be willing to stop and smell the roses. This experience will help you identify your life values more easily. Tonight: Play out a fun fantasy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Be more direct with a family member or roommate who seems to live in a different reality from you. If that approach doesn't work, try walking in this person's footsteps. If you do, you are likely to understand him or her better. Tonight: Return calls before making a decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Examine what is going on around you. Tap into your creativity and your intuition. Though your rationale might not be explainable, your decision and subsequent actions will be. In fact, you'll discover how good those two traits can be. Tonight: Bring others closer to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Consider what is going on. You will want and/or need to keep a close eye on your finances. Just when you thought you had a firm hold on your funds, you could discover otherwise. Feelings also might go to extremes. Tonight: Openly discuss what is going on with a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Others' intentions seem promising, but yours will be unusually successful. Those around you will get the message that you understand what is important and a priority. Examine your motives when making a request or what could be seen as a demand. Tonight: All smiles.

BORN TODAY

Guitarist Randy Rhoads (1956), pianist David Brubeck (1920), politician Andrew Cuomo (1957)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Rodent Templeton in "Charlotte's Web," for one
4 Provide with more than enough
11 Miner's target
14 Flightless bird
15 Memorable Greek shipping magnate
16 Aggravate
17 Bake sale confections made with root veggies
19 Finish off
20 Chance for a hit
21 Asia's __ Darya river
22 Cornstarch brand in a yellow-and-blue container
23 Chair or bench
24 Shine-minimizing makeup layer
27 Harmonious
29 Scare
30 Soon-to-be grads.
31 Vanity cases?
33 Plagues
34 Wireless networking protocol
36 Degenerate, like Agnew's snobs
39 Apt name for a Dalmatian
40 Mil. academy
43 Black, in Bordeaux
44 Like the flame at Arlington National Cemetery
46 Pop's pop
50 Vacation site you might sail to
51 Painter Magritte
52 Managed care gp.
53 Follow, as advice
54 "Fear the Walking Dead" network
55 Driver's alert about an infant, and a hint to what can precede both words of 17-, 24-, 34- and 46-Across
58 Peace symbol
59 Central Texas city
60 Bestow, to Burns
61 Chemical suffix with benz-
62 Cut at an angle
63 Always, to Poe

DOWN

1 Finds new players for
2 One who plays without pay
3 Wrapped headdresses
4 Chimney residue
5 Colony insect
6 Tic-toe filler
7 Father of Jacob and Esau
8 Words on a volunteer's badge
9 Highway headache
10 Half a figure eight
11 Late in arriving
12 Substance used for chemical analysis
13 Obtains via coercion, as money
18 Part of APR
22 Knee-deep (in)
24 Bach work
25 Therapeutic plant
26 Prince Siegfried's beloved, in "Swan Lake"
28 Like pool tables
32 Ave. crossers
33 Swag
34 Suisse capital
35 Newspaper page with views
36 Personalize at the jeweler's
37 Work site supervisors
38 Bride-to-be
40 Performing in a theater
41 Dieter's unit
42 Thin
45 Man who "wore a diamond," in "Copacabana"
47 Abu __
48 Realm of influence
49 Holmes creator
53 Still sleeping
55 "Kapow!"
56 "__ the land of the free ..."
57 SSW's opposite

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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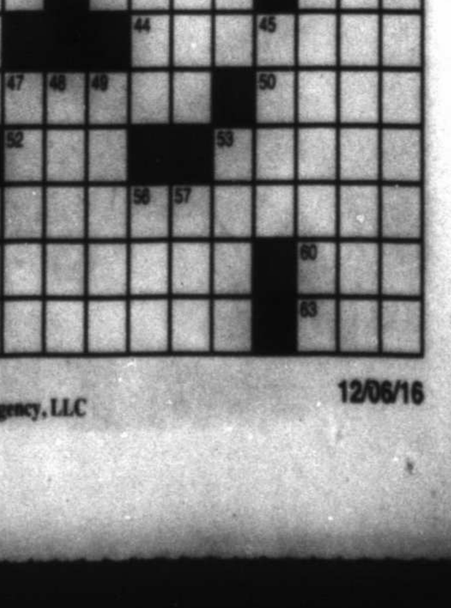

By Katherine Stears
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Alexis Borunda, with Team Skillz That Killz navigates their robot through the obstacle course Thursday as part of the Introduction to Engineering class at Midland College.

THRILLZ FROM TEAM SKILLZ THAT KILLZ

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Team Ghost Busters navigates their robot.

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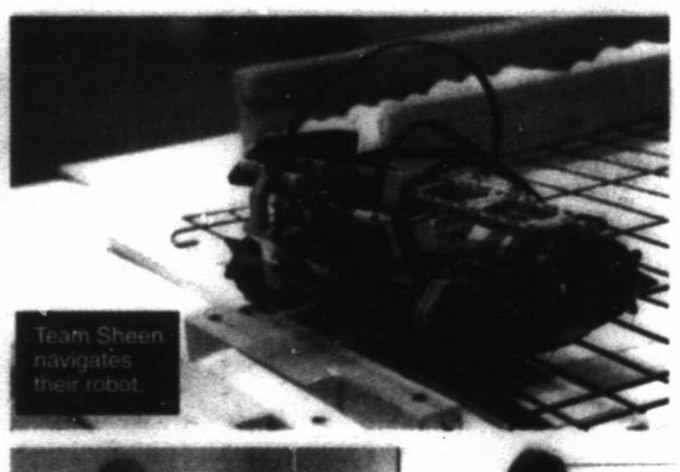
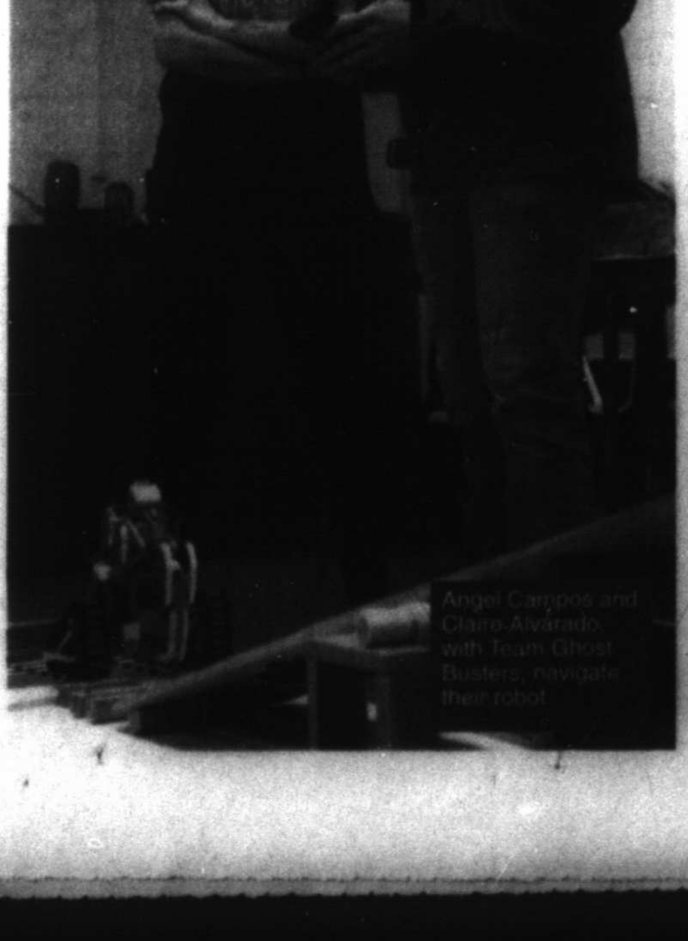


Team Sheen navigates their robot.

Caleb Douglas, with Team Jelly Beans, navigates their robot.

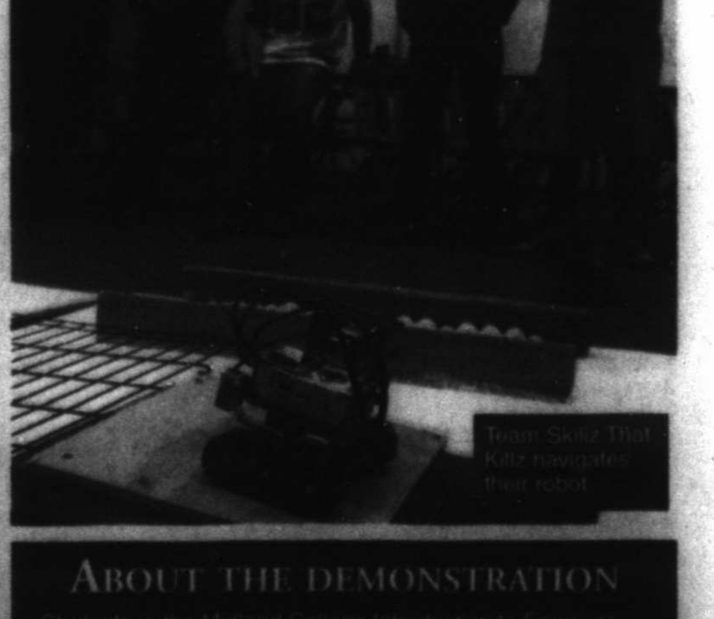
Keargan Parham, with Team Sheen, lines up their robot to hit a small ball t another into a goal.

Alexis Borunda with Team Skillz That Killz navigates their robot.



Angel Campos and Claire Alvarado with team Ghost Busters navigate their robot.

Angel Campos, with Team Ghost Busters lines up their robot to hit a small ball t meter into a goal.



Team Skillz That Killz navigate their robot.

ABOUT THE DEMONSTRATION

Students in the Midland College Introduction to Engineering class demonstrated their semester-long projects on Thursday. The project was designing and building a robot to perform specific tasks. Engineering materials, flowers and pipe cleaners were provided. The students were given a set of rules and a playing field. Each team had to design a robot that would perform the tasks and then program the robot to perform the assigned tasks. The robots were judged on creativity and execution.

Jackson, Watson among Heisman finalists

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson is a Heisman Trophy finalist for the second consecutive season, joining Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson, Michigan linebacker Jabrill Peppers and Oklahoma teammates Baker Mayfield and Dede Westbrook.

The finalists were announced Monday on ESPN and the award will be presented Saturday in New York.

Watson finished third in last year's voting, won by Alabama running back Derrick Henry. Just like last year, he heads to New York not as the favorite but as the contender coming on strong at the end. Mayfield finished fourth last season, but did not get an invite to Heisman presentation in New York.

Peppers is the first defensive player to be a Heisman finalists since Notre Dame linebacker Manti Teo was a distant runner-up to Johnny Manziel in 2012.

Westbrook and Mayfield are the first teammates to be finalists since Reggie Bush and Matt Leinart from Southern California finished first and third, respectively in 2005.

Finalists are determined by the margins between vote-getters. The ballots of more than 900 voters, which included former Heisman winners, were due Monday.

Watson entered as the preseason favorite in what looked like a strong field of contenders, but Jackson quickly swept past them all to be front-runner. He was brilliant for the first two months of the season and Louisville was looking like a College Football Playoff contender.

It seemed as if Jackson would be a runaway Heisman winner, but the 15th-ranked Cardinals lost their final two games of the season. He was sacked 11 times in a lopsided loss at Houston and he committed four turnovers in a last-second loss against Kentucky.

Watson, meanwhile, has surged since Clemson's only loss to Pitt in mid-November. He also had the benefit of playing in the Atlantic Coast Conference title game last Saturday and took full advantage of the spotlight. Watson threw three touchdown passes and ran for two scores in a 42-35 victory against Virginia Tech to seal a spot in the College Football Playoff.

The raw numbers still favor Jackson, who is second in the nation in total yards per game (410.7) and has accounted for 51 touchdowns (21 rushing TDs and 30 TD passes) with 13 turnovers (nine INTs and four lost fumbles) in 12 games. Watson averages 341.8 yards per game and has 43 touchdowns (six rushing and 37 passing) with 15 turnovers (all interceptions) in 13 games.

When the two met on Oct. 1 at Clemson in what was one of the

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Jackson

Watson

EYES ON THE FUTURE

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Tim Stallard, the new GM/Director for Bush Tennis Center, is shown in portrait Monday.

Stallard believes Bush Center director to be his calling

By Christopher Hadorn
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Tim Stallard has grandiose plans for the Bush Tennis Center.

Stallard, who was appointed as the general manager and director of tennis at Bush Tennis Center in September, believes the 19-court facility that opened in 2013 can become "the crown jewel of West Texas."

Over 30 years, Stallard has put on more than 50 ATP/USTA professional challenger tournaments, served as a instructor for future pros such as Andy Roddick, coached as an assistant at the University of Texas and has organized tennis events such as the annual West Texas Tennis Classic in the fall.

In spite of all his achievements, Stallard, 53, calls his oversight of the Bush Tennis Center as his legacy project and a legacy project for the Bush family.

In September when Stallard visited the Tall City for the West Texas Tennis Classic, he was delighted to find out that the Bush Tennis Center was seeking a new GM/director after the departure of Luis Valdez in July.

Stallard pitched his qualifications to the Board of Directors, stating that it was his lifelong aspiration to operate a facility of its capacity.

For many years, Stallard had tried to get a similar tennis complex built in the Austin area, so he understood how fortunate Midland was to have such a state-of-the-art complex that can improve the quality of life of its residents.

Stallard, who has a wife and two daughters, commutes from Horseshoe Bay every week to serve in his dream position.

"I feel a lot of responsibility and I want it to be done right," Stallard said.

"This is a big gift from so many people from the community," Stallard added. "We need to be good shepherds of this gift and run it very carefully and financially responsible. We need to provide great programing and opportunities for the people of Permian Basin and all of West Texas. I'm so excited about it."

Stallard's long-term vision is for the Bush Tennis Center to expand over 60 courts and become the second largest tennis center in the world.

Stallard believes the Bush Tennis Center has the capacity to match the economic output and impact of the Mobile (Alabama) Tennis Center, which generated nearly $3 million in tax revenues and had a $41 million spending impact during the 2014 fiscal year.

That same year the Mobile Tennis Center hosted 19 tournaments, ranging from UTSA, collegiate and high school tournaments.

"If we get an ITF tournament out here, we'll have kids from 20 some countries that will show up," Stallard said. "They will bring coaches, they will fill hotel rooms and that's the key. That's where this is such an economic engine and it has nothing to do with the price of oil, that's even a good thing too, right?

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Houston focused on playoff push after 3-game skid

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The playoffs are starting early for the Houston Texans.

At least that's what coach Bill O'Brien and players are telling themselves after three straight losses capped by Sunday's 21-13 defeat at Green Bay has erased their lead in the AFC South.

O'Brien

"Moving forward, every game is a playoff game, starting next week in Indianapolis," quarterback Brock Osweiler said. "We know how important every single week is."

The Texans (6-6) have led their division all season, but their first three-game skid since October 2014 has them with the same record as Tennessee.

And a win by Indianapolis on Monday night against the New York Jets would leave the Colts at 6-6, too.

Despite the matching records, Houston holds the tiebreaker with a 3-0 division mark.

Despite that, Houston knows it has to get back on track quickly if it hopes to secure its second consecutive AFC South title.

Three of the Texans' last four games are within the division with their trip to Indianapolis followed by games against the Jaguars and Bengals before the regular-season finale at Tennessee.

"We know the type of team that we have in this locker room," receiver DeAndre Hopkins said. "We know our goals are still in front of us and we haven't accomplished our goals, so we have to put these three losses behind us and move forward."

Though the offense stalled at times on Sunday in a game where snow was falling throughout, Osweiler looked better than he did the previous week.

He threw two touchdown passes and did not have a turnover after throwing three interceptions in a loss to San Diego.

His performance on Sunday gave him 14 touchdowns and 13 interceptions this season, his first in Houston after joining the Texans from Denver in the offseason.

The Texans rank 28th in total offense in large part because of a passing game that is the third-worst in the NFL by averaging just 194.9 yards a game.

"I feel like we're very close to exploding as an offense and I've been saying that all season long," Osweiler said.

"But it's true we are three, four plays away from changing multiple football games. Because of that, I don't think we can get discouraged. You can't. There's no time to get discouraged."

An encouraging development from Sunday's game was Osweiler connecting with Hopkins for a touchdown pass.

Many of Osweiler's interceptions this season have come when he's tried to force the ball to his star receiver despite him facing near-constant double teams. It was his first touchdown reception since Oct. 9.

Hopkins was asked why the offense has struggled this season.

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JIM LITKE
Associated Press

Will Selig's entry crack open door to Hall of Fame?

Everything about baseball got bigger during Bud Selig's reign as commissioner.

What's important to remember is how. Because the same outsized contributions that earned him entry into the Hall of Fame should crack open the door wide enough for stars from the super-sized era to squeeze in behind him. It's time.

One big reason attendance, TV revenues and franchise values all grew while he was in charge was that players like Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens — taking advantage of performance-enhancers and the see-no-evil administration Selig headed for years — bulked up even faster.

So now that the Hall of Fame voters put him in, how are they going to justify keeping those two, as well as a handful of others, out?

We'll have a more definitive answer a year from now, when the Class of 2017 is announced and the 16-member veterans panel that elected Selig is done sifting through the game's past to recognize other deserving candidates. But here's a preview from at least one member of the veterans committee.

"I don't believe any doors are open," said Andre Dawson, Class of 2010. "I just don't think this is the time that that should be moved forward. I can echo the sentiments of some Hall of Famers on that. It may happen in the future.

"As a committee," he added, "we didn't feel like we are the ones to make the decision at this time."

At this time?

For the better part of three decades, Hall voters have tried to have it both ways when it comes to steroids. There's almost certainly more than a handful of players who showed up for their induction ceremony in Cooperstown wearing a baseball cap a size or two larger than the one they broke into the big leagues with. Others were racist, drunks, abusers and worse.

Thus far, voters have had to sort through the names implicated in drug busts, whispering campaigns and supposedly "inside" information. Most of the time, they've made decisions based on their gut. The result is about as unscientific and hypocritical as you'd suspect.

While the totals for both Bonds and Clemens — by any objective measure, two of the most accomplished players ever — creeped up slightly the last few years, they've topped out at roughly a third (75 percent is required for induction). But just two years ago, Mike Piazza and Jeff Bagwell — both admitted using a banned substance during their careers — picked up more than half and nearly two-thirds of those same voters.

So if nothing else, Selig's induction will remind us of something USA Today's Bob Nightengale said to Hall voters ahead of the 2015 class announcement, "Come on, this isn't the Sistine Chapel."

The Hall will rightly celebrate Selig for all the good he's done for the game. He was a patient, consensus-building boss who advocated tirelessly for small- and middle-market owners and always acted in what he genuinely believed were the best interests of baseball. If the bottom line was the only relevant consideration, Selig would have been carried into the

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE

Quarterfinal, Leg 1: Vitkovice Ridera Ostrava vs. Fribourg-Gotteron, 10 a.m., OWSPN

GOLF

LEPGA: Omega Dubai Masters, 1st Round, 2:30 a.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Arizona State vs. Purdue, 6 p.m., ESPN

Villanova vs. La Salle, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Youngstown State at Michigan State, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Cal vs. Princeton, 6 p.m., FS1

Brown at Providence, 6 p.m., FS2

Houston at Arkansas, 6 p.m., SEC

Bucknell at Fairfield, 6 p.m., SNY

Fresno State at Marquette, 6:30 p.m., CBSSN

NJIT at Minnesota, 7 p.m., BTN

Utah Valley at Utah, 7 p.m., P12, P12 Mtn

Duke vs. Florida, 8 p.m., ESPN

Texas at Michigan, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Fort Wayne at Notre Dame, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Seton Hall vs. Hawaii, 8:30 p.m., FS1

UC Irvine at Arizona, 9 p.m., P12, P12 AZ

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Champions: Manchester City FC vs. Celtic FC, 1:30 p.m., FS1

UEFA Champions: FC Barcelona vs. Borussia Mönchengladbach, 1:30 p.m., FS2, FXDEP

UEFA Champions: FC Basel vs. Arsenal FC, 1:30 p.m., FSN (FSSW/FSSW+)

UEFA Champions: FC Bayern Munich vs. Atletico Madrid, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP

UEFA Champions: Multi-match 90, 1:30 p.m., FSP

NBA

San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m., FSSWSA

NHL

Calgary at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Texas State at Baylor, 7 p.m., FSSW+, FCSA

South Dakota State at North Dakota, 7 p.m., FCSP

ON RADIO

NBA

San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lee at Lubbock High, 6 p.m.

Grandfalls-Royalty at Trinity, 6 p.m.

Shallowater at Andrews, 6 p.m.

Lubbock Coronado at Greenwood, 6:30 p.m.

Wink at MCA, 6:30 p.m.

Lamesa at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.

Reagan County at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

Water Valley at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan at Ira, 6:30 p.m.

Midland High at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lee at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m.

Lubbock Estacado at MHS, 6:30 p.m.

Monahans at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m.

Grandfalls-Royalty at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring at Levelland, 7:30 p.m.

Shallowater at Andrews, 7:30 p.m.

Sweetwater at Greenwood, 8 p.m.

Wink at MCA, 8 p.m.

Tahoka at Stanton, 8 p.m.

Reagan County at Coahoma, 8 p.m.

Forsan at Ira, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Exercised the 2018 contract option on manager John Farrell.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with Carlos Beltran on a one-year contract.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Promoted Deron Johnson to senior adviser of the scouting department and Sean Johnson to director of scouting.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with C Jesus Sucre on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with OF-INF Steve Pearce on a two-year contract.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Assigned INF Tony Renda outright to Louisville (IL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with LHP Rich Hill on a three-year contract.

NEW YORK METS — Named Pedro Lopez manager of Las Vegas (PCL).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Signed RHP Mark Melancon on a four-year contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS — Suspended G Rajon Rondo one game for conduct detrimental to the team. Assigned F Doug McDermott to Windy City (NBADL).

LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Recalled C Ivica Zubac from Los Angeles (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Placed WR Percy Harvin on the reserve/non-football illness list.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed OL Dan France from Cleveland's practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DB Johnthan Banks. Signed WR Braion Addison to the practice squad. Waived LB Lamin Barrow from injured reserve. Placed QB Jay Cutler on injured reserve. Waived QB Josh Woodrum from the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed OL Anthony Fabiano from the practice squad and OL Zach Sterup to the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed S Cedric Thompson to the practice squad.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Placed LB Kevin Dodd on injured reserve.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived CB Dashaun Phillips.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES — Assigned F Hunter Shinkaruk to Stockton (AHL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled D Ryan Murphy from Charlotte (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned F Zach Nastasiuk from Toledo (ECHL) to Grand Rapids (AHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled G Marek Mazanec from Milwaukee (AHL). Assigned F Pontus Aberg and G Jouse Saros to Milwaukee.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled C Marek Hrivik from Hartford (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended San Antonio D Sam Jardine one game.

HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Recalled F Michael Joly from Greenville (ECHL). Signed F Allan McPherson to a professional tryout agreement.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

ATLANTA UNITED — Signed M Miguel Almiron to a multiyear contract.

NEW YORK CITY FC — Signed F Sean Okoli.

COLLEGE

BIG TEN CONFERENCE — Suspended Minnesota hockey player Ryan Lindgren one game after receiving a major penalty for elbowing and a game misconduct during a Dec. 3 game against Ohio State.

DELAWARE — Named Pablo Montana men's tennis coach.

MISSISSIPPI — Announced WR Damore'ae Stringfellow will enter the NFL draft.

NYU — Named Ben Lee men's and women's assistant tennis coach.

PURDUE — Named Jeff Brohm football coach.

HS FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I
State Semifinals

Allen (14-0) vs. The Woodlands (14-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Austin's DKR Texas Memorial Stadium

Humble Atascocita (12-1) vs. Lake Travis (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 6A DIVISION II
State Semifinals

DeSoto (14-0) vs. Klein Collins (13-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium

Katy Cinco Ranch (11-3) vs. Cibolo Steele (13-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
State Semifinals

Denton Ryan (14-0) vs. Dallas Highland Park (12-2), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Frisco's Ford Center

Temple (11-3) vs. Richmond Foster (14-0), TBD

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals

Aledo (14-0) vs. Mesquite Poteet (11-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Frisco's Ford Center

College Station (14-0) vs. CC Calallen (13-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
State Semifinals

Abilene Wylie (12-1 vs. Kennedale (11-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, NRH's Birdville Fine Arts Complex

Carthage (11-2) vs. China Spring (13-1), TBD

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
State Semifinals

Sweetwater (12-1) vs. Gilmer (13-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco's McLane Stadium

West Orange-Stark (14-0) vs. Geronimo Navarro (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Houston's NRG Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION I
State Semifinals

Wall (11-3) vs. Mineola (12-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium

Malakoff (14-0) vs. Yoakum (10-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Austin's DKR Texas Memorial Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
State Semifinals

Canadian (12-2) vs. Gunter (14-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium

Arp (12-2) vs. Boling (12-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, New Caney

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
State Semifinals

Abernathy (12-2) vs. Crawford (13-1), 7 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium

Centerville (11-3) vs. Refugio (13-1), 6 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Rattler Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
State Semifinals

Wellington (13-1) vs. Iraan (14-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Bremond (14-0) vs. Burton (13-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Bryan's Green Stadium

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION I
State Championship

Gail Borden County (13-1) vs. Jonesboro (14-0), 7 p.m. Dec. 14, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION II
State Championship

Balmorhea (14-0) vs. Richland Springs (14-0), 4 p.m. Dec. 14, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	25	17	6	2	36	74	58
Ottawa	26	15	9	2	32	64	67
Boston	26	15	10	1	31	63	58
Tampa Bay	27	14	11	2	30	77	72
Detroit	26	12	11	3	27	65	69
Florida	26	12	11	3	27	63	67
Toronto	24	12	9	3	27	72	77
Buffalo	25	9	10	6	24	51	65

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	26	17	6	1	35	95	65
Pittsburgh	26	16	7	3	35	88	80
Columbus	24	15	5	4	34	77	53
Washington	24	14	7	3	31	61	55
Philadelphia	27	14	10	3	31	87	85
New Jersey	24	11	7	6	28	63	66
Carolina	25	10	10	5	25	59	65
N.Y. Islanders	24	9	10	5	23	62	71

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	27	18	6	3	39	74	66
St. Louis	25	14	7	4	32	69	70
Minnesota	24	12	8	4	28	66	51
Winnipeg	28	13	13	2	28	74	81
Nashville	24	11	9	4	26	71	66
Dallas	26	10	10	6	26	66	65
Colorado	23	9	13	1	19	49	69

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	25	15	9	1	31	60	51
Edmonton	27	14	10	3	31	80	70
Anaheim	26	12	9	5	29	67	67
Los Angeles	25	13	10	2	28	66	66
Calgary	28	13	13	2	28	71	82
Vancouver	25	11	12	2	24	58	75
Arizona	24	8	12	4	20	57	76

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Scores and schedules

Monday's Scores

Washington 3, Buffalo 2, OT

Boston 4, Florida 3, OT

Columbus 4, Arizona 1

Pittsburgh 8, Ottawa 5

Today's Games

Vancouver at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Edmonton at Buffalo, 6 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.

Florida at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Detroit at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.

Colorado at Nashville, 7 p.m.

Montreal at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Arizona at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Calgary at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Midlander invited to All-American Bowl

From staff reports

Midland's Cole Michael Marshall, 9, has been invited to participate in the 11th Annual Offense-Defense Bowl Weel festivities taking place at Kennesaw State University's Fifth Third Bank Stadium in Atlanta on Dec. 26-31.

Marshall, a third grader at Midland Christian, was named as an Offense-Defense All-American during an Offense-Defense Football Camp in Dallas over the summer.

He is a fullback and a middle linebacker for the Freshman Patriots GMFL football team and was selected for this honor from thousands of athletes across the country.

Cole is the son of Mike and April Marshall of Midland.

The Offense-Defense All-American Bowl is the culmination of a week-long's worth of events, which also includes and all-star football game showcasing 88 of the top high school seniors in the country.

Marshall is the second student-athlete from Midland Christian to be invited to his prestigious event this year, joining eighth grader Joshua Keating.

Cole Marshall is shown in this courtesy photo. Marshall plays fullback and middle linebacker for the Freshman Patriots in the GMFL and is currently a third-grader at Midland Christian.

Courtesy photo

Luck throws for 4 TDs, Colts rout Jets 41-10

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

Andrew Luck was nearly perfect in his return from a concussion, throwing for four touchdowns, three to Dwayne Allen, in the Indianapolis Colts' 41-10 romp Monday night past the inept New York Jets.

Not that Luck had to work very hard against the hosts, who were booed by a much-less-than-filled MetLife Stadium almost from the outset.

Luck missed last week's loss to Pittsburgh, cleared the NFL's concussion protocol on the weekend, and came back in style with a prime-time performance. He lifted Indianapolis (6-6) into a tie for the lead in the AFC South with Tennessee and Houston.

Allen and T.Y. Hilton were his main targets as he went 22 of 28 for 278 yards, and they received little opposition from the Jets (3-9).

This one couldn't have come easier for Indianapolis. The Colts toyed with the lifeless Jets from the beginning, when New York's Jeremy Ross got to only his 11-yard line with the opening kickoff return. A three-and-out gave Luck the ball, and seven plays later, he hit a wide-open Allen for a 7-0 edge.

Indy needed only four plays on its next series, with Allen even more open for a 21-yard reception to make it 14-0. At that juncture, the Colts had gained 120 yards, the Jets 6.

Those figures wound up 421 to 250. Indy scored its most points since Week 13 of 2014; the Jets allowed their most since Week 8 of that season.

The Jets (3-9) finally found some spark after Pat McAfee's punt was downed at their 3. Matt Forte turned a short pass into a 40-yard gain with a nasty move on Rashaan Melvin, but that drive stalled and Nick Folk made a 38-yard field goal.

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	319	207
Miami	7	5	0	.583	285	278
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	305	274
N.Y.Jets	3	9	0	.250	206	307

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	6	6	0	.500	267	257
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	311	311
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	308	296
Jacksonville	2	10	0	.167	224	313

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	7	5	0	.583	256	207
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	290	236
Cincinnati	4	7	1	.375	245	299
Cleveland	0	12	0	.000	197	352

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	10	2	0	.833	345	299
Kansas City	9	3	0	.750	281	242
Denver	8	4	0	.667	286	229
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	334	319

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Dallas	11	1	0	.917	333	228
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	245	237
Washington	6	5	1	.542	303	295
Philadelphia	5	7	0	.417	268	245

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	7	5	0	.583	386	331
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	277	285
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	347	335
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	283	321

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	8	4	0	.667	275	251
Green Bay	6	6	0	.500	295	302
Minnesota	6	6	0	.500	233	209
Chicago	3	9	0	.250	204	270

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	8	3	1	.708	264	194
Arizona	5	6	1	.458	276	251
Los Angeles	4	8	0	.333	180	282
San Francisco	1	11	0	.083	234	370

x-clinched playoff spot

Scores and schedules

Monday's Score

Indianapolis 41, N.Y. Jets 10

Thursday's Game

Oakland at Kansas City, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Denver at Tennessee, noon

Cincinnati at Cleveland, noon

Minnesota at Jacksonville, noon

Arizona at Miami, noon

Houston at Indianapolis, noon

Washington at Philadelphia, noon

Pittsburgh at Buffalo, noon

San Diego at Carolina, noon

Chicago at Detroit, noon

N.Y.Jets at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.

New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 3:25 p.m.

Seattle at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.

Atlanta at Los Angeles, 3:25 p.m.

Dallas at N.Y.Giants, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's box

COLTS 41, JETS 10

Indianapolis	14	10	10	7 —41
N.Y. Jets	0	3	0	7 —10

First Quarter

Ind—D.Allen 7 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 10:23.

Ind—D.Allen 21 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 7:45.

Second Quarter

NYJ—FG Folk 38, 10:31.

Ind—FG Vinatieri 53, 8:16.

Ind—D.Allen 23 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 1:18.

Third Quarter

Ind—Moncrief 3 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 8:54.

Ind—FG Vinatieri 36, 1:08.

Fourth Quarter

Ind—Turbin 5 run (Vinatieri kick), 14:54.

NYJ—R.Anderson 40 pass from Petty (Folk kick), 11:19.

A—78,160.

	Ind	NYJ
First downs	27	13
Total Net Yards	421	250
Rushes-yards	40-139	14-36
Passing	282	214
Punt Returns	2-38	0-0
Kickoff Returns	1-26	6-120
Interceptions Ret.	3-58	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	23-29-0	16-37-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	1-2
Punts	2-47.5	5-46.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-28	6-90
Time of Possession	38:24	21:36

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Indianapolis, Gore 20-79, Luck 3-26, Turbin 6-16, Ferguson 5-11, Dorsett 1-7, Todman 2-3, Tolzien 3-(minus 3). New York, Forte 9-25, Spiller 2-5, Powell 1-3, Fitzpatrick 2-3.

PASSING—Indianapolis, Luck 22-28-0-278, Tolzien 1-1-0-11. New York, Fitzpatrick 5-12-1-81, Petty 11-25-2-135.

RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Hilton 9-146, D.Allen 4-72, Doyle 4-30, Moncrief 4-28, Swoope 2-15. New York, R.Anderson 4-81, B.Marshall 4-43, Forte 3-54, Seferian-Jenkins 2-29, Bostick 1-12, Enunwa 1-10, Spiller 1-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Loss of Earl Thomas big hit to Seattle's playoff plans

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

SEATTLE — The missing necktie that cost Carolina's Cam Newton one play is insignificant compared to what the Seattle Seahawks lost on Sunday night.

There is no replacing Earl Thomas and all he means to Seattle's stingy defense. Now, the Seahawks must play the rest of the regular season and likely a big chunk of the postseason without their star safety.

"You can't make up for it," defensive end Michael Bennett said. "You just try to find some others who can do half of what he does."

Seattle's 40-7 romp over the Panthers kept the Seahawks on track for another NFC West title. They are three games ahead of Arizona with four remaining, and Seattle (8-3-1) moved back in front of Detroit for a coveted first-round bye.

But playoff positioning or Seattle reaching the 40-point mark for the first time since its Super Bowl rout of Denver was secondary to Thomas' broken lower left leg. Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said Thomas has a cracked tibia and the injury is "always six weeks," but his status for a possible return during the postseason remains very much in question.

Thomas missed the first game of his pro career last week when he sat out against Tampa Bay due to a hamstring injury. He returned just 14 days after first getting hurt and lasted less than two quarters before the course of Seattle's season changed.

NFL moves Buccaneers-Cowboys to prime time Dec. 18

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL has moved the Tampa Bay-Dallas game on Dec. 18 to prime time.

As part of its flex scheduling for Sundays, the league switched the Buccaneers' visit to the Cowboys, who already have clinched a playoff berth. Tampa Bay is 7-5 and tied for the NFC South lead. Dallas is 11-1 and in front in the NFC East, which the Cowboys can clinch next week with a win over the Giants.

Pittsburgh's visit to Cincinnati, originally scheduled for night time in Week 15, has been moved to noon.

The switch means Dallas will appear on Sunday night in successive weeks; its game at the Giants is in prime-time, too.

HOUSTON

From 1C

"I can't pinpoint it," he said. "I am just out there doing my job and trying to help this team however I can."

Of course the offense wasn't the only problem on Sunday. Houston's pass rush took a hit with 2014 top overall pick Jadeveon Clowney missing his first game this season because of a wrist injury.

It's unclear if he'll be able to return this week after taking a beating in his first year playing defensive end with J.J. Watt out for the season after back surgery.

The secondary also had trouble against the Packers when veteran cornerback Johnathan Joseph injured his ribs in the fourth quarter and was replaced by Charles James.

James, who normally plays mostly on special teams, fell on the slippery field allowing Jordy Nelson to get past him on a 32-yard touchdown catch that gave Green Bay the lead for good.

Also injured on Sunday was rookie receiver Braxton Miller, who will be day to day this week with a shoulder injury and running back Lamar Miller. O'Brien said Miller is dealing with injuries to four different areas of his body.

He has been on the injury report with shoulder, ankle and rib injuries, but it is unclear what other problem he has.

O'Brien said he spoke to the team on Monday about the importance of everyone, including the coaching staff, stepping up to turn things around.

"Got to do a better job and ... if we don't then we're not going to be where we want to be," O'Brien said. "But if we do we'll have a shot to win these games."

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Spurs stay perfect on road, rally past Bucks 97-96

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — LaMarcus Aldridge was credited for the go-ahead basket with 21.2 seconds left after Giannis Antetokounmpo was whistled for goaltending, completing the San Antonio Spurs' rally from 15 points down in a 97-96 win over the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday night

Milwaukee had one last shot to retake the lead, but Mirza Teletovic missed an open 3-pointer from the right corner with 3.9 seconds left. Aldridge secured the rebound and the Spurs ran out the clock.

San Antonio extended its season-opening road winning streak to 12 games in thrilling fashion.

Aldridge had 18 points. Kawhi Leonard finished with 22 points and nine boards.

Jabari Parker had 23 points, picking up the slack for much of the fourth quarter for the Bucks with Antetokounmpo on the bench with five fouls.

Parker slashed through the lane for buckets and rebounds. But the Bucks went scoreless after Parker's running bucket with 2:25 left for a three-point lead.

Antetokounmpo finished with 22 points and 11 rebounds, while Greg Monroe had 10 points and 13 boards off the bench for Milwaukee.

Tensions rose late in the third quarter after Dedmon and Monroe grappled for a rebound. San Antonio's Davis Bertans and Milwaukee's Michael Beasley were ejected for their roles in the shoving match.

Associated Press

Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo drives against San Antonio Spurs' Danny Green (14) during the first half of a game, Monday in Milwaukee

Tip-ins

Spurs: G Tony Parker started after missing the previous two games with a thigh contusion. He had six points and five assists in 18 minutes before limping off with about 9 minutes left in the third quarter after falling hard to the floor and appearing to grab at his left knee. ... The Spurs hit their first three 3-point shots of the game before going 1 of 11 from behind the arc the rest of the first half. They trailed 48-35 at halftime.

Bucks: Antetokounmpo was named the Eastern Conference Player of the Week after averaging 24.3 points, 10.0 rebounds, 6.3 assists, 3.7 steals and 3.0 blocks per game. The Bucks went 3-0 last week, including a 17-point home win over the defending NBA champion Cleveland Cavaliers.

Davis scores 25 points, Texas A&M beats TAMU-CC 86-69

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Tyler Davis scored a career-high 25 points on 9-of-12 shooting as Texas A&M defeated Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 86-69 on Monday night.

The Aggies (5-2) led 45-33 at halftime and kept the Islanders (5-2) at arms' length the rest of the way, overwhelming their undersized opponent down low and outscoring TAMU-CC 40-24 on points in the paint.

Admon Gilder tied his season high with 17 points for A&M and Tonny Trocha-Morelos scored 13. Cole Martinez had 13 points and Rashawn Thomas added 12 for the Islanders.

The Islanders outrebounded the Aggies 39-31, but committed 16 turnovers, including seven by Thomas, and the Texas A&M outscored TAMU-CC 19-11 on points off turnovers.

Texas A&M had 21 assists on 31 field goals and shot 54 percent overall.

BIG PICTURE: The Aggies looked rusty after having not played for more than a week (a Nov. 27 loss to UCLA for a second-place finish in the Wooden Legacy), and failed to distance themselves from their outmanned opponent until very late in the contest. A&M plays three home games in six days this week, however, so rust should not be an issue by this weekend.

The Islanders, whose only other loss was at Cal Poly on Saturday, kept their contest against a Southeastern Conference foe competitive throughout. They also considered it good experience for an upcoming "big-name" game, at Oklahoma State on Dec. 22.

UP NEXT: After playing three consecutive games away from Reed Arena, Texas A&M will play its second straight home game on Wednesday night against Denver.

TAMU-CC returns to Corpus Christi, where they're undefeated in four games, to host St. Mary's (of Texas) on Friday.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HORNETS 109
MAVERICKS 101

DALLAS — Kemba Walker scored 19 points, Nicolas Batum had 14 points and 15 rebounds, and the Charlotte Hornets rallied to beat the Dallas Mavericks 109-101 on Monday night.

The Hornets took advantage of an injury to Mavericks center Andrew Bogut late in the first quarter to dominate the paint and the boards in coming back from an 11-point, third-quarter deficit.

Marco Belinelli scored 12 of his 16 points in the second half, including the team's first two 3-pointers after the Hornets missed their first 14 from long range. Six Hornets scored in double figures.

Harrison Barnes scored 29 points and Deron Williams had his first double-double of the season with 15 points and 13 assists.

ROCKETS 107
CELTICS 106

HOUSTON — James Harden scored 37 points and Al Horford missed a shot just before the buzzer to allow the Houston Rockets to hold on for a 107-106 victory over the Boston Celtics on Monday night.

The game was tied before Harden scored five straight points to make it 107-102 with less than a minute remaining. Avery Bradley made a jump shot and Harden received a flagrant 1 foul for elbowing Marcus Smart in the face. Smart made both free throws before Isaiah Thomas missed a layup.

But Houston knocked the ball out of bounds with 5.2 seconds left, giving Boston one last chance. Horford drove into the lane, but his shot rolled off the rim and Harden grabbed it to secure the victory.

Horford had 21 points and Thomas added 20 for the Celtics, who had won two straight.

It was the ninth 30-point game this season for Harden, who also had eight assists and seven rebounds.

THUNDER 102
HAWKS 99

ATLANTA — At first, Russell Westbrook couldn't get the shots to fall. No problem. He crashed the boards and kept looking for his teammates.

Then, he found his shooting touch.

The result: another triple-double for the Oklahoma City star.

Westbrook scored 32 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and dished out 12 assists, extending his streak of triple-doubles to six games as the Thunder held off the Atlanta Hawks 102-99 on Monday night.

It is the NBA's longest such run since Michael Jordan had seven in a row in 1989.

"I just read the game," Westbrook said. "The game will tell you what to do."

Westbrook has sparked a six-game winning streak by the Thunder and reached double figures in all three categories in half of their 22 games.

CAVALIERS 116
RAPTORS 112

TORONTO — LeBron James scored 34 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers overcame an injury to J.R. Smith to snap their three-game losing streak with a 116-112 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night.

Smith injured his left knee in the first quarter after landing on a jump shot and hobbled to the dressing room in considerable pain. He did not return, and the Cavaliers said X-rays taken at the arena were negative and that the guard would return to Cleveland on Tuesday for further examination.

DeMar DeRozan had 31 points and Kyle Lowry added 24 for Toronto, which had its six-game winning streak snapped.

NUGGETS 106
76ERS 90

PHILADELPHIA — A dejected Will Barton walked toward the bench, but the Denver Nuggets guard got a reprieve because it wasn't a substitution opportunity for his team. With a second chance, Barton responded in a huge way.

Barton scored 22 points, including a big 3-pointer late, to lead Denver to a 106-98 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

Danilo Gallinari led Denver with 24 points and Jamal Murray added 22 for the Nuggets, who won for just the second time in the last seven games. It was their second contest of a six-game road trip.

Ersan Ilyasova, Sergio Rodriguez and Dario Saric all had 17 points for Philadelphia, which culminated a four-game homestand with its seventh straight defeat.

TRAIL BLAZERS 112
BULLS 110

CHICAGO — Damian Lillard had 30 points and seven assists, CJ McCollum scored 24 and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Chicago Bulls 112-110 on Monday night for their third consecutive victory.

Allen Crabbe added 17 points for Portland, which opened a five-game trip with its fourth win in five games. Maurice Harkless had 11 and Evan Turner finished with 10, providing a nice boost in the fourth quarter.

Dwyane Wade scored 34 points for the Bulls, and Jimmy Butler finished with 26 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Robin Lopez had seven points and 14 rebounds.

Chicago played without point guard Rajon Rondo, suspended one game for conduct detrimental to the team. There was no public indication from the Bulls on what triggered Rondo's suspension. He is expected to return Tuesday night in Detroit.

"We've moved past it. It's something where we're not going to talk about the details of it," coach Fred Hoiberg said.

WIZARDS 118
NETS 113

NEW YORK — John Wall scored 25 points, including 11 in the fourth quarter, and the Washington Wizards beat the Brooklyn Nets 118-113 on Monday night.

Bradley Beal and Otto Porter Jr. had 18 points apiece and Markieff Morris added 16 for Washington.

Brook Lopez scored 25 and Sean Kilpatrick had 21 for the Nets.

Beal's 3-pointer gave the Wizards a 107-106 lead with 3:27 left and Wall scored five consecutive points to up the advantage to 112-106.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

SOUTHWEST
Texas A&M 86, Texas A and M-CC 69
Texas-Arlington 99, Texas-Dallas 49

SOUTH
Augsburg 89, Martin Luther 67
Bethany Lutheran 98, Wis.-Stout 87
Carleton 105, Crown (Minn.) 61
Clayton St. 101, Allen 76
Coastal Carolina 100, Piedmont 63
Jacksonville 76, Bethune-Cookman 66
Lincoln Memorial 100, Brevard 50
Louisiana Tech 98, Alcorn St. 65
UNC Greensboro 108, Mars Hill 56

MIDWEST
Iowa 95, Stetson 68
Iowa St. 91, Omaha 47

EAST
Lafayette 74, St. Francis Brooklyn 72
Md.-Eastern Shore 87, Central Penn 74
Rider 71, Siena 69
St. John's 76, CS Northridge 70
UConn 52, Syracuse 50

Women

SOUTHWEST
SMU 54, Texas A&M 53

SOUTH
Belmont 73, Samford 54
Chattanooga 66, Stetson 55
Emory 77, Agnes Scott 45
Georgia 67, Furman 62
Lincoln Memorial 94, Brevard 65
UNC-Greensboro 70, Barton 48
Vanderbilt 74, Tulane 63
Virginia Tech 76, Gardner-Webb 42
Wofford 67, Coastal Carolina 62

MIDWEST
DePaul 94, Prairie View 62
Oakland 95, N. Dakota St. 66
Saint Catherine 82, Crown (Minn.) 58
W. Illinois 91, Bradley 77
Xavier 61, Michigan 58

EAST
Army 85, Wagner 40
Baruch 88, NJ City 59
James Madison 82, Rutgers 76
Mass.-Lowell 61, Fairleigh Dickinson 55
Union (NY) 70, Utica 52
Villanova 59, Lehigh 37

COLLEGE BASKETBALL POLLS

Men

AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 4, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Villanova (57)	8-0	1613	2
2. UCLA (2)	9-0	1478	11
3. Kansas	7-1	1458	4
4. Baylor (6)	8-0	1437	9
5. Duke	8-1	1389	5
6. Kentucky	7-1	1274	1
7. North Carolina	8-1	1234	3
8. Gonzaga	8-0	1198	8
9. Indiana	7-1	1103	13
10. Creighton	8-0	1003	10
11. Louisville	7-1	901	14
12. Saint Mary's (Cal)	6-0	899	12
13. Xavier	7-1	784	7
14. Virginia	7-1	758	6
15. West Virginia	6-1	729	25
16. Butler	8-0	691	18
17. Wisconsin	7-2	655	17
18. Purdue	6-2	485	15
19. South Carolina	8-0	476	20
20. Arizona	6-2	320	16
21. Florida	7-1	285	24
22. Cincinnati	7-1	258	—
23. Notre Dame	8-0	197	—
24. Oregon	7-2	175	23
25. Iowa St.	5-2	95	19

Others receiving votes: Syracuse 45, Southern Cal 43, Ohio St. 40, TCU 33, Florida St 18, Virginia Tech 11, California 10, Maryland 9, Valparaiso 7, Wichita St. 5, Temple 3, Michigan St. 3, Minnesota 1, IPFW 1, UNC Wilmington 1.

USA Today Top 25

The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 4, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Villanova (28)	8-0	796	2
2. UCLA (1)	9-0	715	9
3. Kansas (1)	7-1	709	5
4. Duke (2)	8-1	700	4
5. North Carolina	8-1	636	3
6. Baylor	8-0	629	11
7. Kentucky	7-1	620	1
8. Gonzaga	8-0	607	8
9. Indiana	7-1	528	10
10. Creighton	8-0	494	12
11. Saint Mary's	6-0	434	13
12. Virginia	7-1	421	6
13. Louisville	7-1	396	14
14. Xavier	7-1	392	7
15. Butler	8-0	349	18
16. West Virginia	6-1	315	19
17. Wisconsin	7-2	270	17
18. South Carolina	8-0	261	23
19. Purdue	6-2	245	16
20. Arizona	6-2	178	15
21. Florida	7-1	121	—
22. Notre Dame	8-0	111	—
23. Cincinnati	7-1	107	—
24. Oregon	7-2	91	20
25. Iowa State	5-2	64	21

Others receiving votes: Syracuse 48, Maryland 42, TCU 21, Southern Cal 15, Ohio State 14, Rhode Island 11, Texas A&M 8, Colorado 7, Florida State 7, Oklahoma State 7, Virginia Tech 7, Arkansas 6, California 6, Wichita State 5, Michigan State 4, UCF 1, Fort Wayne 1, Valparaiso 1.

Women

AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 4, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (18)	7-0	809	2
2. Notre Dame (15)	8-0	807	1
3. Baylor	9-1	750	4
4. Maryland	8-0	732	5
5. Mississippi St	8-0	668	6
6. South Carolina	6-1	660	3
7. Florida St.	8-1	613	8
8. Louisville	7-2	574	7
9. UCLA	6-1	564	10
10. Stanford	8-1	525	11
11. Washington	8-1	487	13
12. Ohio St.	6-3	403	9
13. West Virginia	9-0	401	16
14. Miami	7-1	398	18
15. Kentucky	6-2	338	17
16. DePaul	5-2	252	15
17. Texas	2-4	249	14
18. Colorado	8-0	231	21
19. Oklahoma	5-2	187	12
20. Syracuse	6-3	161	20
21. Duke	9-1	158	—
22. South Florida	6-0	109	—
23. Florida	6-2	105	19
24. Oregon St.	5-1	70	24
25. Virginia Tech	7-0	66	—

Others receiving votes: Oregon 65, Arizona St. 48, Kansas St 48, Michigan 48, Tennessee 31, California 30, Auburn 28, Green Bay 22, Texas A&M 22, Northwestern 17, Marquette 15, Gonzaga 8, Oklahoma St. 8, Michigan St. 6, Boise St. 6, Southern Cal 5, Vanderbilt 1.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	14	7	667	—
Boston	12	9	571	2
New York	11	9	550	2½
Brooklyn	5	15	250	8½
Philadelphia	4	17	190	10
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Charlotte	12	9	571	—
Atlanta	10	12	455	2½
Orlando	9	12	429	3
Washington	7	12	368	4
Miami	7	13	350	4½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	14	5	737	—
Chicago	11	9	550	3½
Milwaukee	10	9	526	4
Detroit	11	11	500	4½
Indiana	10	10	500	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	17	4	810	—
Houston	14	7	667	3
Memphis	14	8	636	3½
New Orleans	7	15	318	10½
Dallas	4	16	200	12½
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oklahoma City	14	8	636	—
Utah	12	9	571	1½
Portland	12	10	545	2
Denver	8	13	381	5½
Minnesota	6	14	300	7
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Golden State	17	3	850	—
L.A. Clippers	16	6	727	2
L.A. Lakers	10	12	455	8
Sacramento	7	13	350	10
Phoenix	6	14	300	11

Scores and schedules

Monday's Scores
Denver 106, Philadelphia 98
Cleveland 116, Toronto 112
Oklahoma City 102, Atlanta 99
Washington 118, Brooklyn 113
Houston 107, Boston 106
Memphis 110, New Orleans 108, 2OT
Portland 112, Chicago 110
San Antonio 97, Milwaukee 96
Charlotte 109, Dallas 101
Indiana at Golden State, late
Utah at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games
Orlando at Washington, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Memphis, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 8 p.m.

TABC HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL RANKINGS

SUGAR LAND — High school basketball rankings as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches for the week of Dec. 5:

BOYS PUBLIC

Class 6A

1. SA Wagner, 12-0; 2. Houston Sam Houston, 7-0; 3. Spring Westfield, 10-2; 4. Allen, 11-1; 5. Round Rock McNeil, 9-2; 6. Austin Westlake, 8-2; 7. Fort Bend Bush, 7-1; 8. Dallas Skyline, 9-0; 9. Klein Forest, 12-0; 10. North Crowley, 10-2; 11. Duncanville, 8-3; 12. Cedar Hill, 6-3; 13. Amarillo Tascosa, 5-1; 14. Cibolo Steele, 5-1; 15. Killeen Shoemaker, 6-2; 16. Laredo Alexander, 7-0; 17. Houston Bellaire, 12-3; 18. Pearland, 7-4; 19. McAllen Rowe, 6-2; 20. Aldine Davis, 4-2; 21. Rockwall Heath, 5-2; 22. Humble Atascocita, 5-4; 23. Garland Lakeview Centennial, 11-1; 24. Garland Rowlett, 7-1; 25. Waco Midway, 6-0.

Class 5A

1. Lancaster, 6-3; 2. Beaumont Ozen, 5-2; 3. Fort Bend Elkins, 6-3; 4. Fort Bend Marshall, 5-3; 5. Lubbock Coronado, 8-0; 6. Austin LBJ, 4-4; 7. EP Burges, 9-1; 8. Waco University, 4-4; 9. Dallas Kimball, 5-3; 10. FW Chisholm Trail, 5-2; 11. Amarillo, 7-5; 12. McKinney North, 7-0; 13. EP Bowie, 7-3; 14. Humble, 9-3; 15. Leander Rouse, 10-2; 16. Waxahachie, 7-2; 17. Mansfield Lake Ridge, 7-1; 18. Mount Pleasant, 5-1; 19. Mansfield Timberview, 9-3; 20. CC Veterans Memorial, 5-4; 21. Brownsville Veterans Memorial, 7-2; 22. SA Jefferson, 5-4; 23. Port Arthur Memorial, 7-2; 24. Midlothian, 9-2; 25. EP Andress, 5-2.

Class 4A

1. Dallas Lincoln, 7-2; 2. Silsbee, 7-1; 3. Lubbock Estacado, 6-1; 4. Argyle, 7-0; 5. Abilene Wylie, 7-2; 6. Houston Yates, 2-3; 7. Freeport Brazosport, 5-2; 8. CC West Oso, 8-1; 9. Boerne, 4-0; 10. Midlothian Heritage, 8-1; 11. Burkburnett, 5-1; 12. Wharton, 5-1; 13. Dallas Carter, 4-4; 14. WF Hirschi, 4-2; 15. Geronimo Navarro, 3-1; 16. Huffman Hargrave, 8-1; 17. Wilmer-Hutchins, 4-4; 18. Paris, 5-0; 19. Center, 7-2; 20. Levelland, 6-1; 21. Waco La Vega, 3-1; 22. Houston North Forest, 3-9; 23. Decatur, 2-5; 24. Stafford, 1-5; 25. Seminole, 1-6.

Class 3A

1. La Marque, 3-4; 2. Santa Rosa, 8-1; 3. Brock, 7-1; 4. Ponder, 8-0; 5. Peaster, 4-0; 6. Littlefield, 5-1; 7. Dallas Madison, 3-6; 8. Marion, 3-6; 9. SA Cole, 3-1; 10. Wall, 5-0; 11. Teague, 0-3; 12. Kountze, 3-5; 13. Jarrell, 7-0; 14. Rice, 0-2; 15. Hempstead, 1-0; 16. Mount Vernon, 3-0; 17. Jefferson, 2-0; 18. Childress, 2-0; 19. Dallas Triple A, 1-3; 20. Commerce, 6-0; 21. Canadian, 0-0; 22. Vanderbilt Industrial, 4-2; 23. SA Randolph, 1-1; 24. Hallettsville, 0-0; 25. Bowie, 5-2.

Class 2A

1. Muenster, 6-0; 2. Anthony, 5-3; 3. Kerens, 2-0; 4. Mumford, 12-1; 5. Clarksville, 1-1; 6. Stratford, 3-0; 7. La Rue La Poynor, 4-3; 8. Port Aransas, 9-2; 9. Electra, 5-1; 10. Grapeland, 6-1; 11. Clarendon, 7-0; 12. Petrolia, 9-2; 13. Albany, 1-0; 14. Tenaha, 0-0; 15. Dallardsville Big Sandy, 6-3; 16. Thorndale, 5-2; 17. Farwell, 1-1; 18. SA Lee, 3-0; 19. Brackettville, 7-0; 20. Martins Mill, 6-2; 21. West Texas, 9-1; 22. Neches, 6-0; 23. New Deal, 5-0; 24. Evadale, 4-1; 25. Chireno, 6-3.

Class 1A

1. Lipan, 10-[illegible]; 2. Nazareth, 3-1; 3. Happy, 0-0; 4. Calvert, 1-0; 5. Turkey Valley, 0-0; 6. Graford, 4-0; 7. Slocum, 5-3; 8. Borden County, 0-0; 9. Imperial Buena Vista, 0-0; 10. New Home, 8-1; 11. Shamrock, 4-2; 12. Lingleville, 2-0; 13. Waelder, 6-1; 14. Eula, 7-0; 15. Leggett, 5-1; **16. Grady, 5-1**; 17. Water Valley, 1-2; 18. Jayton, 3-3; 19. Texline, 4-3; 20. Coolidge, 4-3; **21. Garden City, 1-2**; 22. Tioga, 1-0; 23. Bellevue, 3-4; 24. Bronte, 1-2; 25. Meadow, 1-0.

BOYS PRIVATE

TAPPS 6A/SPC

1. Houston Kinkaid, 9-4; 2. Prestonwood Christian, 7-4; 3. Tomball Concordia, 11-4; 4. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 12-4; 5. FW Nolan Catholic, 10-3; 6. Houston St. Pius X, 9-5; 7. Dallas Greenhill, 9-2; 8. Beaumont Monsignor Cath, 10-3; 9. Houston Village, 9-1; 10. FW Country Day, 9-3.

TAPPS 5A

1. Houston 2nd Baptist, 9-2; 2. SA Christian, 11-1; 3. Houston Emery/Weiner, 10-5; 4. St. Mary's Hall, 6-3; 5. Cedar Hill Trinity, 6-3; 6. Houston Westbury, 3-7; 7. Austin St. Michael's Cath, 11-7; **8. Midland Christian, 5-3**; 9. Tyler All-Saints, 5-3; 10. Grapevine Faith, 11-5.

TAPPS 4A

1. Lubbock Trinity, 7-5; 2. Houston St. Thomas Episcopal, 6-2; 3. Vanguard College Prep, 9-3; 4. The Woodlands Christian, 7-2; 5. Colleyville Covenant Christian, 6-3; 6. Houston Northland Christian, 4-3; 7. League City Bay Area, 5-3; 8. Austin Brentwood, 5-3; 9. San Marcos, 3-2; 10. Amarillo San Jacinto, 5-4.

TAPPS 3A

1. Beaumont Legacy Christian, 2-1; 2. Bryan Brazos Christian, 0-0; 3. Dallas The Covenant, 7-1; 4. Abilene Christian, 8-1; 5. Dallas Yavneh, 13-2; 6. Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills, 4-1; 7. Denton Calvary, 7-3; 8. McAllen South Texas Christian, 4-2; 9. SA St. Gerard, 4-3; 10. SA Lutheran, 5-5.

TAPPS 2A

1. Huntsville Alpha Omega, 14-0; 2. Austin The Waldorf, 12-3; 3. Richardson Canyon Creek Christian, 8-1; 4. Lubbock All-Saints Episcopal, 5-1; 5. Baytown Christian, 6-2; 6. Bryan Allen, 9-4; 7. Sherman Texoma Christian, 5-1; 8. Dallas First Baptist, 1-0; 9. Conroe Covenant Christian, 5-4; 10. Lubbock Southcrest Christian, 3-0.

TAPPS 1A

1. Granbury North Central Texas, 8-3; 2. Conroe Lifestyle Christian, 7-2; 3. DeSoto The Canterbury Episcopal, 5-6; 4. Kingwood The Covenant Preparatory, 13-4; 5. Fredericksburg Heritage, 0-0; 6. Palmhurst Faith Christian, 8-3; 7. Houston Southwest Christian, 5-3; 8. Athens Christian Prep, 5-2; 9. Houston Family Christian, 5-4; 10. Cypress Oaks Adventist Christian, 4-1.

GIRLS PUBLIC

Class 6A

1. Duncanville, 14-1; 2. SA Wagner, 11-1; 3. Euless Trinity, 12-0; 4. League City Clear Springs, 12-1; 5. Cibolo Steele, 12-3; 6. Katy Seven Lakes, 12-3; 7. Plano West, 12-2; 8. Waco Midway, 11-2; 9. SA Johnson, 17-3; 10. Pflugerville, 11-3; 11. Round Rock Westwood, 11-3; 12. Cypress Ranch, 12-3; 13. Cedar Park Vista Ridge, 15-2; 14. Pflugerville Hendrickson, 11-3; 15. Fort Bend Hightower, 13-4; 16. Houston Westside, 11-2; 17. Galena Park North Shore, 12-3; 18. Pearland, 13-4; 19. Keller, 11-2; 20. Houston Langham Creek, 15-4; 21. Round Rock Cedar Ridge, 11-4; 22. Converse Judson, 9-4; 22. Houston Clear Lake, 13-2; 24. Plano East, 11-3; 25. Round Rock Stony Point, 11-4.

Class 5A

1. Mansfield Timberview, 13-1; 2. Canyon, 7-0; 3. Amarillo, 14-0; 4. Dayton, 11-0; 5. Frisco Liberty, 9-3; 6. Barbers Hill, 9-3; 7. Kerrville Tivy, 15-1; 8. EP Burges, 10-2; 9. Dripping Springs, 11-4; 10. Red Oak, 13-1; 11. Waxahachie, 8-4; 12. Tomball Memorial, 12-3; 13. Mansfield Summit, 10-4; 14. Saginaw Boswell, 12-3; 15. Lewisville The Colony, 15-0; 16. Frisco Lone Star, 10-3; 17. Plainview, 13-2; 18. Austin High, 11-4; 19. College Station, 10-4; 20. Mansfield Legacy, 10-3; 21. Colleyville Heritage, 9-4; 22. Cedar Park, 11-4; 23. Bastrop, 12-3; 24. SA Southside, 10-2; 25. Brownsville Veterans Memorial, 13-4.

Class 4A

1. Argyle, 12-1; 2. Liberty Hill, 9-1; 3. Abilene Wylie, 9-3; 4. Godley, 13-2; 5. Kennedale, 14-4; 6. Tatum, 9-0; 7. Levelland, 12-3; 8. Gatesville, 15-0; 9. Gilmer, 13-1; 10. Navasota, 14-3; 11. Stephenville, 7-2; 12. Houston Wheatley, 6-2; 13. Fredericksburg, 9-2; **14. Greenwood, 9-7**; 15. Denver City, 7-2; 16. Madisonville, 7-1; 17. Robinson, 9-1; 18. Canton, 7-3; 19. Lorena, 11-3; 20. Devine, 10-2; 21. Bullard, 12-3; 22. CC West Oso, 6-1; 23. Orange Grove, 9-0; 24. Houston Yates, 9-2; 25. Hondo, 11-3.

Class 3A

1. Canadian, 9-2; 2. Wall, 4-4; 3. Tuscola Jim Ned, 7-1; 4. Brock, 8-6; 5. Little River Academy, 9-3; 6. Mount Vernon, 10-3; 7. Tyler Chapel Hill, 10-0; 8. Jarrell, 9-1; 9. Hitchcock, 10-1; 10. Idalou, 10-3; 11. Shallowater, 7-1; 12. Whitewright, 8-1; 13. New Waverly, 12-0; 14. Pottsboro, 10-0; 15. Palacios, 10-0; 16. Odem, 9-1; 17. Hallettsville, 7-4; 18. Ponder, 11-1; 19. Sunnyvale, 9-2; 20. Bowie, 10-1; 21. Winnsboro, 5-5; 22. Karnes City, 9-3; 23. East Chambers, 6-1; 24. Marion, 6-2; 25. Buffalo, 7-2.

Class 2A

1. Claude, 10-0; 2. Tenaha, 7-2; 3. Falls City, 7-2; 4. Bells, 8-2; 5. La Rue La Poynor, 8-2; 6. Martins Mill, 12-2; 7. Panhandle, 6-2; 8. Evadale, 7-1; 9. Chireno, 12-2; 10. Mertzon Irion County, 10-1; 11. Mason, 9-2; 12. Windthorst, 4-2; 13. Muenster, 6-2; 14. Wellington, 8-3; 15. Hico, 12-3; 16. Weimar, 4-5; **17. Forsan, 8-1**; 18. Timpson, 10-1; 19. Woden, 12-1; 20. Centerville, 6-2; 21. Grapeland, 10-3; 22. Harper, 8-1; 23. Frost, 7-1; 24. Shiner, 6-3; 25. Wolfe City, 7-3.

Class 1A

1. Dodd City, 7-0; 2. Nazareth, 6-1; 3. McLean, 9-0; 4. Barksdale Nueces Canyon, 8-1; 5. Tilden McMullen County, 5-0; **6. Garden City, 8-1**; 7. Hermleigh, 11-0; 8. Huckabay, 9-1; 9. O'Donnell, 10-1; 10. Whitharral, 10-2; 11. Spur, 10-4; 12. Ira, 12-1; 13. Lipan, 6-7; 14. Eula, 8-3; 15. Leakey, 7-1; 16. Paducah, 5-0; 17. Kennard, 8-2; 18. Robert Lee, 10-1; 19. Jonesboro, 10-0; 20. Lorenzo, 7-3; 21. Knippa, 9-2; 23. Ropesville, 5-1. 23. Moulton, 6-2; 24. Slidell, 6-2; 25. Gorman, 7-2

GIRLS PRIVATE

TAPPS 6A/SPC

1. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 12-1; 2. SA Incarnate Word, 9-1. 3. Plano Prestonwood, 10-4; 4. Houston Kinkaid, 13-1; 5. Dallas Greenhill, 9-5; 6. Houston Christian, 14-3; 7. Houston St. Agnes, 16-2; 8. SA Antonian, 14-2; 9. Addison Trinity Christian, 8-1; 10. Argyle Liberty Christian, 7-6.

TAPPS 5A

1. Dallas Christian, 11-3; 2. Corpus Christi IWA, 11-1; 3. Houston Westbury Christian, 8-6; 4. Tyler Grace Community, 11-4; 5. Austin St. Michaels, 10-4; 6. Austin Regents, 11-4; **7. Midland Christian, 7-3**; 8. FW Southwest Christian, 8-1; 9. SA Christian, 8-5; 10. CC John Paul II, 10-3.

TAPPS 4A

1. Marble Falls Faith, 14-3; 2. Houston Lutheran North, 10-7; 3. Lubbock Trinity Christian, 4-6; 4. FW Lake Country Christian, 9-8; 5. Lubbock Christian, 7-3; 6. Arlington Pantego, 4-2; 7. Flower Mound Coram Deo, 9-1; 8. Kennedale Fellowship, 11-2; 9. League City Bay Area Christian, 9-3; 10. Austin Brentwood, 8-6.

TAPPS 3A

1. Beaumont Legacy, 11-2; **2. Midland Classical, 8-2**; 3. Temple Central Texas Christian, 9-3; 4. Hallettsville Sacred Heart, 6-4; 5. Tomball Rosehill, 9-6; 6. Mission San Juan Diego, 6-3; 7. Spring Frassati Catholic, 8-2; 8. Rockwall Heritage, 3-0; 9. Willow Park Heritage, 4-1; 10. Denton Calvary, 6-7.

TAPPS 2A

1. Muenster Sacred Heart, 11-1; 2. Austin Waldorf, 8-3; 3. Bryan St. Joseph, 6-1; 4. Shiner St. Paul, 8-4; 5. Universal City First Baptist, 4-1; 6. Christian Academy of San Antonio, 5-2; 7. Lubbock Southcrest, 5-1, 8. Red Oak Ovilla Christian, 5-1; 9. Sherman Texoma, 4-4; 10. Lubbock All-Saints, 4-4.

TAPPS 1A

1. DeSoto Canterbury, 4-1; 2. Granbury NCTA, 1-1; 3. WF Notre Dame, 5-2; 4. WF Christ Academy, 7-4; 5. Houston Southwest Christian, 7-4; 6. Waxahachie Prep, 3-1; 7. Lubbock Kingdom Prep, 4-2; 8. Dallas Tyler Street, 2-1; 9. Athens Christian, 3-4; 10. Edinbury Harvest Christian, 1-0.

Bowl stories: Finales, contrasts in style, coaching carousel

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

The Alabama invitational, um, College Football Playoff is set, along with 38 other bowl games big and small.'

From coaching intrigue to record-setting runs there should be plenty of story lines to follow.

The Playoff

Top-ranked Alabama and Nick Saban are attempting to win an unprecedented fifth national title in eight seasons, including back-to-back for a second time, and add to what can already be considered the greatest run in the history of college football.

The Peach Bowl semifinal between the Tide and No. 4 Washington it will also be the first meeting of Saban and Washington coach Chris Petersen, who has an .826 winning percentage since he first became a head coach with Boise State in 2006.

Petersen's Boise teams were known for upsets. Alabama is a two-touchdown favorite.

The Fiesta Bowl semifinal between No. 2 Clemson and No. 3 Ohio State is a rematch of the 2014 Orange Bowl won by Clemson 40-35. That game completed a late-season meltdown of Ohio State's defense that led coach Urban Meyer to make staff and scheme changes that have helped the Buckeyes have one of the top defenses in the country three years running.

Rushing toward a record

San Diego State's Donnel Pumphrey needs 108 yards in his final college game against Houston in the Las Vegas Bowl on Dec. 17 to break the FBS career record held by former Wisconsin star and Heisman winner Ron Dayne.

The Cougars, led by star freshman defensive lineman Ed Oliver, have one of the best run defenses in the country, allowing 97 yards per game and 2.87 per carry.

Pumphrey is the nation's second-leading rusher at 155 yards per game.

Coaching carousel

Houston will go into its bowl game with an interim coach after Tom Herman left for Texas and a few other schools could be in similar situations.

No. 12 Western Michigan is on its way to the biggest bowl game in school history, a matchup with No. 8 Wisconsin in the Cotton Bowl, but coach P.J. Fleck has been the subject of much speculation with regards to openings at Purdue and Oregon.

■ Western Kentucky coach Jeff Brohm has been tied to Purdue and Baylor openings. The Hilltoppers, who have won two straight Conference USA titles, face Memphis on Dec. 20 in the Boca Raton Bowl.

■ Boise State and Baylor meet Dec. 27 at Cactus Bowl in Phoenix. It will be the last game for Jim Grobe, Baylor's acting head coach who took over on short notice after Art Briles was fired in the summer.

Broncos coach Bryan Harsin is being mentioned as candidate for Oregon.

Style clash

The best bowls are often the ones between teams that take very different approaches to offense.

■ Navy will bring its triple-option (averaging 327 yards rushing per game) to the Armed Forces Bowl to face Louisiana Tech, which averages 360 yards passing per game behind quarterback Ryan Higgins.

■ Minnesota faces Washington State in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 27, but only the Cougars have the pedigree to live up to the bowl's high-scoring tradition. Minnesota has thrown eight touchdown passes, tied for 124th in the nation. The Cougars have 39 touchdown passes.

■ North Carolina's up-tempo offense matches Stanford's plodding, traditional pro-style in the Sun Bowl on Dec. 30.

In need of a strong finish

The Music City Bowl in Nashville was definitely not what Tennessee (8-4) and coach Butch Jones had in mind this season after the Volunteers beat Florida in September. But here the Vols are facing No. 24 Nebraska (9-3).

Not only did the Vols blow a chance to win the SEC East by losing to South Carolina, but they blew a chance to back into the Sugar Bowl by losing to Vanderbilt.

On the other side, No. 24 Nebraska's second season under coach Mike Riley was a huge step forward from five wins to nine. But the Cornhuskers were a top-10 team in late October and their best victory of the season was against Minnesota. Getting to 10 wins against a big brand like Tennessee would make a huge difference to how this season is viewed.

Finales

A great group of junior running backs could all be playing their final college games.

■ Christian McCaffrey at Stanford should find some room to run against a North Carolina defense that had trouble stopping teams on the ground late in the season.

■ No. 19 LSU's Leonard Fournette faces No. 15 Louisville in the Citrus Bowl on Dec. 31. Fournette has been hampered by an ankle injury but it would be nice to get one more look at him running for the Tigers.

And, oh by the way, the Heisman Trophy winner might be on the other side of the field. Cardinal quarterback Lamar Jackson is still the front-runner and would be the first Heisman winner since Johnny Manziel in 2012 to not play in either the playoff or the BCS championship.

■ No. 10 Florida State against No. 6 Michigan in the Orange Bowl is one of the best bowls outside the playoff and a big part of that is Seminoles star Dalvin Cook.

■ Pitt's James Conner has been one of the best stories in college football, returning from cancer treatment to run for 1,060 yards and score 20 touchdowns. He and the 22nd-ranked Panthers face Northwestern in the Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium on Dec. 28.

Purdue turns to Jeff Brohm to end woes

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

"Purdue to me has always been a program that plays an exciting brand of football. When I was growing up, they threw the ball around. They scored points. They competed against some of the best teams in the Big Ten each and every year, and they were exciting to watch. As a fan, you like to see teams that score points and do some fun things."

Jeff Brohm, Purdue's new coach

Brohm

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Jeff Brohm's welcome party at Purdue was full of fanfare, with a pep band, cheerleaders, the school mascot and boosters all celebrating the arrival of the Boilermakers' new coach.

Now it's up to Brohm to inject excitement into the program and get fans back in the seats at Ross-Ade Stadium. Some wins would sure help, too.

All it took to lure Brohm away from Western Kentucky was a six-year contract worth an average of approximately $3.5 million per year, the promise of upgrades inside the program and a chance to put Purdue back on the national stage.

"Purdue to me has always been a program that plays an exciting brand of football," Brohm said. "When I was growing up, they threw the ball around. They scored points. They competed against some of the best teams in the Big Ten each and every year, and they were exciting to watch. As a fan, you like to see teams that score points and do some fun things."

That's exactly the playbook he is bringing to West Lafayette after using it to compile a 30-10 record over the last three seasons at Western Kentucky. The offense averaged 44.6 points and 526.2 yards and his quarterbacks completed 69.2 percent of their passes, threw for 356.6 yards per game and a total of 131 touchdowns.

New athletic director Mike Bobinski thought Brohm was the perfect fit at a school dubbed the "Cradle of Quarterbacks" and one that has a returning starter in David Blough.

The new style will be a stark contrast from the past four seasons under former coach Darrell Hazell and Gerad Parker, who went 0-6 as interim coach after taking over for the fired Hazell in October. In a statement before the news conference, Bobinski called Brohm "one of the most innovative offensive masterminds in college football."

Biough concurred after doing his own research over the weekend.

"I saw at the championship game and that they had 38 points with 10 minutes left in the second quarter," Blough said with a smile. "You see how they develop quarterbacks and that's exciting."

Excitement has been waning at Purdue for most of the past decade.

The Boilermakers went 9-39 over the last four seasons under Hazell and Parker, haven't been to a bowl game since 2012 and have only produced one winning season in nine years. Plus, they tied a school record by losing their fourth straight to rival Indiana less than two weeks ago. The stadium has seen its share of empty seats.

Bobinski believes a new coach with an entertaining style can end that slide.

"The energy, the enthusiasm, the passion that his teams play with, the style that they play that's aggressive, that forces the tempo, forces the issue," Bobinski said. "As I've watched Coach Brohm's teams play over the years, and particularly this year, that's what I saw. I saw a team that really went after it both sides of the ball and played with great enthusiasm and didn't take a play off ever, and I think fans will recognize that. Our fans certainly will appreciate that, and once the success comes along with that, it'll be all the better."

Western Kentucky said it is already beginning to search for Brohm's successor. Nick Holt will coach the Hilltopppers (10-3) in the Boca Raton Bowl against Memphis (8-4) on Dec. 20.

Brohm grew up in Louisville and stayed in town to play quarterback for the Cardinals, where he starred before bouncing around the NFL. He worked out for six different NFL teams, playing two seasons in San Francisco. He started coaching in 2002 with the Louisville Fire of the af2 league.

Brohm returned to his alma mater as quarterbacks coach from 2003-06 and served as assistant head coach in 2007 and 2008

In 2009, he took over as quarterbacks coach at Florida Atlantic in 2009 before spending the next two seasons in the same role at Illinois. Brohm became UAB's offensive coordinator in 2012 but was hired WKU's assistant head coach/offensive coordinator in 2013 and promoted to head coach the next season.

All he's done since then is win games with a wide-open style that has become a fan favorite.

Purdue is hoping Brohm's success will continue in 2017, which begins with a season-opening showdown in Indianapolis against Louisville.

But there were some anxious moments as rumors surfaced about interest in Brohm from Baylor and Cincinnati. And by the time the two sides finally agreed to the deal Sunday, Bobinski was already convinced he had made the right call with Brohm.

"I've always tried to hire to fit because when you try to force somebody into a situation, it invariably comes apart at some point," Bobinski said. "To me, Jeff sort of reflects Purdue's values perfectly. He was the right guy at the right time."

AWARDSROUNDUP

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ARKANSAS

Mayfield wins Burlsworth Award for a second straight year

SPRINGDALE — Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield has won the Burlsworth Award for a second straight year, becoming the first two-time winner of the award given to the top college football player who began his career as a walk-on.

Mayfield leads the country in passing efficiency this season, having thrown 38 touchdowns and only eight interceptions while leading the Sooners to the Big 12 championship and a Sugar Bowl berth.

Mayfield began his career as a walk-on at Texas Tech.

Washington State quarterback Luke Falk and Northwestern wide receiver Austin Carr were the other finalists. The award is named after former Arkansas offensive lineman Brandon Burlsworth, who went from a walk-on to All-American with the Razorbacks and was killed in a car accident after being drafted by the Indianapolis Colts.

NORTH CAROLINA

Alabama's Allen wins Nagurski award as top defensive player

CHARLOTTE — Team success is breeding individual success for members of the Alabama Crimson Tide.

Alabama senior defensive lineman Jonathan Allen won the Bronko Nagurski Trophy on Monday night given annually to the nation's best college defensive player.

Allen was selected over four other finalists, including Crimson Tide teammate Reuben Foster, a linebacker. Florida State cornerback Tarvarus McFadden, Michigan linebacker Jabrill Peppers and Clemson defensive end Christian Wilkins were also among the finalists who attended the awards ceremony hosted by the Charlotte Touchdown Club.

Alabama (13-0) is ranked No. 1 in the country, in large part due to its dominant defense.

The 6-foot-3, 291-pound Allen has 56 tackles and nine sacks this season for the Crimson Tide, tied for third-most in the Southeastern Conference. He had four tackles and 1 1/2 sacks this past weekend as Alabama defeated Florida 54-16 to win its third straight SEC title.

Allen is perhaps best known for his flying hit on Texas A&M's Trevor Knight earlier this season in which he leaped over running back Trayveon Williams, who tried to chip him, and took down the Aggies' quarterback. The highlight reel tackle earned him a spot on the national stage.

Later in that same game linebacker Ryan Anderson ripped a ball loose and Allen picked it up, threw off a would-be tackler and rambled 30 yards for a touchdown.

Allen was projected as a likely first-round draft pick last year but decided to return to Alabama because he wanted to win a national championship.

Allen beat out some solid competition for the award, including Peppers, who has 66 tackles — 13 for a loss — and one interception for the Wolverines this season. Peppers learned Monday that he was the only defensive player selected as a finalist for the Heisman Trophy.

Foster, who had 94 tackles, four sacks and a forced fumble this season, also had a strong season at Alabama.

McFadden, a 6-foot-2, 198-pound cornerback, had 17 tackles and eight interceptions for the Seminoles.

And Wilkins had 44 tackles and 3 1/2 sacks for the playoff-bound Tigers, who held on to beat Virginia Tech 42-35 in the ACC championship.

"The 2016 Bronko Nagurski Trophy finalists represent the very best college football has to offer," said John Rocco, executive director of the Charlotte Touchdown Club. "Each of these young men has distinguished himself as a player and as a leader."

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season's most entertaining games, Watson threw for 306 yards and five touchdowns, ran for 91 and was picked off three times. Jackson had 295 yards passing, 162 rushing and accounted for three touchdowns with one interception. Clemson won 42-36.

Mayfield and Westbrook have been a dynamic combination, and late in the season No. 7 Oklahoma started a dual campaign to promote both for the Heisman. Mayfield is on pace to break the NCAA record for passer efficiency rating in a season (197.75). Westbrook has 74 catches for 1,465 yards and 16 touchdowns and has more receptions covering at least 20 yards (26) than any receiver in the country.

Peppers played defense, offense and special teams for Michigan, lining up all over the field.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL GLANCE

Saturday, Dec. 17
Celebration Bowl
At Atlanta
NC Central (9-2) vs. Grambling State (11-1), 11 a.m. (ABC)

New Mexico Bowl
Albuquerque
UTSA (6-6) vs. New Mexico (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Las Vegas Bowl
San Diego State (10-3) vs. Houston (9-3), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

Camellia Bowl
Montgomery, Ala.
Toledo (9-3) vs. Appalachian State (9-3), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Cure Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
UCF (6-6) vs. Arkansas State (7-5), 6 p.m. (CBSSN)

New Orleans Bowl
Southern Miss. (6-6) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (5-6), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 19
Miami Beach Bowl
Tulsa (9-3) vs. Central Michigan (6-6), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 20
Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
Memphis (8-4) vs. Western Kentucky (10-3), 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 21
Poinsettia Bowl
San Diego
BYU (8-4) vs. Wyoming (8-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 22
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Boise
Idaho (8-4) vs. Colorado State (7-5), 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 23
Bahamas Bowl
Nassau
Eastern Michigan (7-5) vs. Old Dominion (8-4), Noon (ESPN)

Armed Forces Bowl
Fort Worth
Navy (9-3) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Dollar General Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
Ohio (9-5) vs. Troy (9-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
Honolulu
Middle Tennessee (8-4) vs. Hawaii (6-7), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 26
St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl
Mississippi State (5-7) vs. Miami (Ohio) (6-6), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Quick Lane Bowl
Detroit
Boston College (6-6) vs. Maryland (6-6), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Independence Bowl
Shreveport, La.
NC State (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (5-6), 4 p.m. (ESPN2)

Tuesday, Dec. 27
Heart of Dallas Bowl
Army (6-5) vs. North Texas (5-7), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.
Wake Forest (6-6) vs. Temple (10-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
San Diego
Minnesota (8-4) vs. Washington State (8-4), 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Cactus Bowl
Phoenix
Boise State (10-2) vs. Baylor (6-6), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 28
Pinstripe Bowl
Bronx, N.Y.
Northwestern (6-6) vs. Pittsburgh (6-6), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Russell Athletic Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Miami (8-4) vs. West Virginia (10-2), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Foster Farms Bowl
Santa Clara, Calif.
Indiana (6-6) vs. Utah (6-6), 7:30 p.m. (FOX)

Texas Bowl
Houston
Kansas State (6-6) vs. Texas A&M (6-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 29
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
AAC vs. SEC, 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Belk Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.
Virginia Tech (9-4) vs. Arkansas (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
Oklahoma State (9-3) vs. Colorado (10-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 30
Liberty Bowl
Memphis, Tenn.
Georgia Tech (8-4) vs. TCU (8-6), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
El Paso
North Carolina (8-4) vs. Stanford (9-3), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Music City Bowl
Nashville, Tenn.
Tennessee (8-4) vs. Nebraska (9-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Arizona Bowl
Tucson, Ariz.
Air Force (9-3) vs. South Alabama (6-6), 4:30 p.m. (ASN)

Orange Bowl
Miami Gardens, Fla.
Florida State (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2), Miami Gardens, Fla., 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 31
Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
LSU (7-4) vs. Louisville (9-3), 10 a.m. (ABC)

TaxSlayer Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
Kentucky (7-5) vs. Georgia Tech (8-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

CFP Semifinals Peach Bowl
Atlanta
Alabama (13-0) vs. Washington (12-1), 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.
Clemson (12-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 2
Outback Bowl
Tampa, Fla.
Florida (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4), Noon (ABC)

Cotton Bowl Classic
Arlington, Texas
Western Michigan (13-0) vs. Wisconsin (10-3), Noon (ESPN)

Rose Bowl Game
Pasadena, Calif.
Penn State (11-2) vs. Southern Cal (9-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

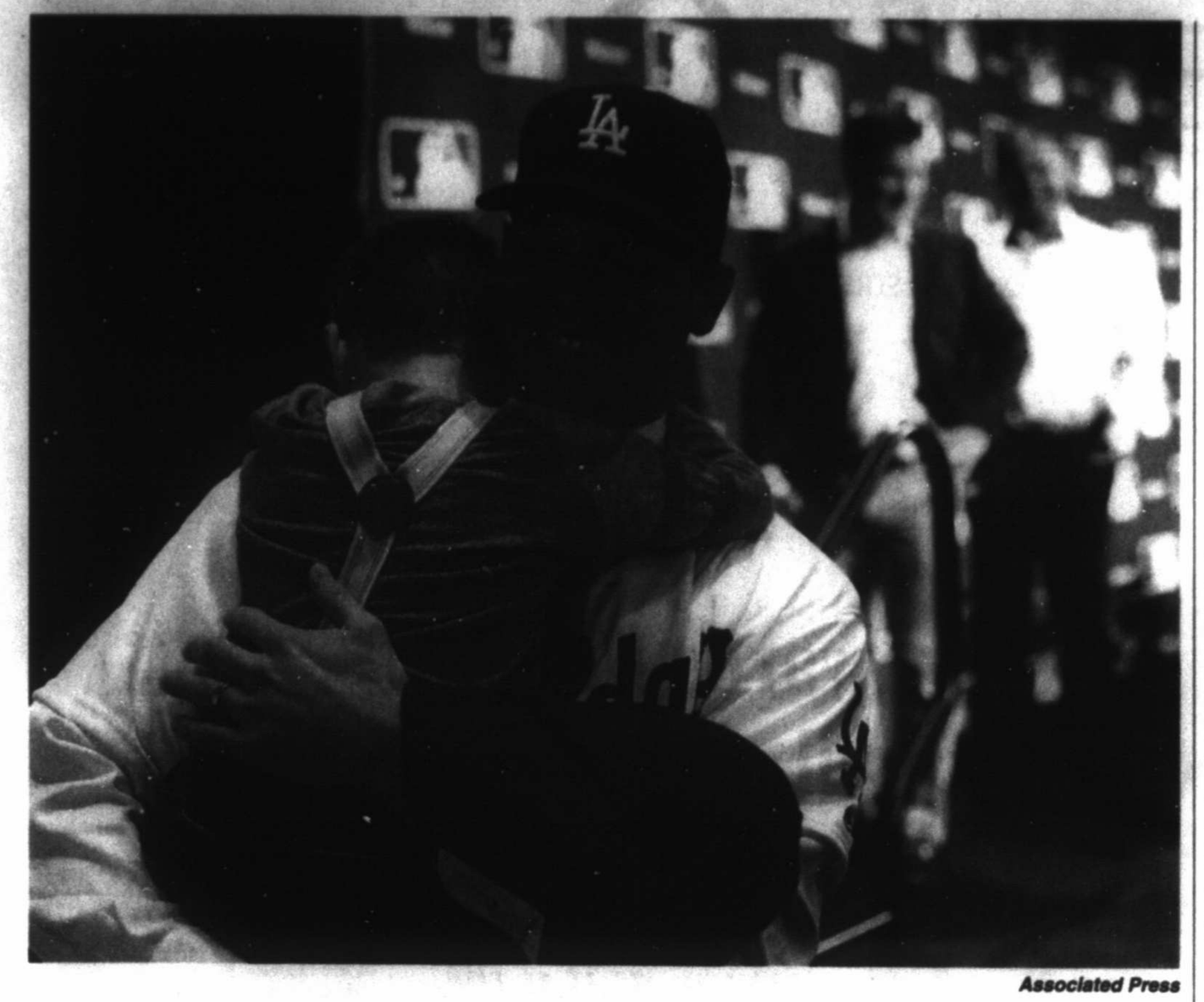
Sugar Bowl
New Orleans
Oklahoma (10-2) vs. Auburn (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 9
College Football Championship
Tampa, Fla.
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 21
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
West vs. East, 2 p.m. (NFL)

NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
At Carson, Calif.
National vs. American, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
South vs. North, 1:30 p.m. (NFL)



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Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Rich Hill hugs his son Brice Hill, age 5, after a media availability at Major League Baseball's winter meetings on Monday in Oxon Hill, Md.

MLB winter meetings heat up: Melancon to Giants, Hill to Dodgers

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

OXON HILL, Md. — Albeit too late to save them this year, the San Francisco Giants got their closer.

All-Star righty Mark Melancon and the Giants reached agreement on a $62 million, four-year contract Monday. As baseball's winter meetings heated up, lefty Rich Hill re-signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers for $48 million over three years.

A couple smaller deals also developed as teams met inside a hotel on the banks of the Potomac River outside Washington. The Toronto Blue Jays signed versatile Steve Pearce and Philadelphia added reliever Joaquin Benoit.

Nothing yet on the top trade targets — White Sox ace Chris Sale, Pirates outfielder Andrew McCutchen and possibly two Detroit fixtures, slugger Miguel Cabrera and pitcher Justin Verlander.

But the New York Yankees confirmed they're trying to boost their bullpen with major free-agent talent.

"We have been pursuing Aroldis Chapman. We also have been talking to Kenley Jansen. We also had talked with Melancon," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

Jose Reyes, meanwhile, might be changing positions, rather than teams. Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said the star infielder would get his first look at the outfield in spring training.

And the Red Sox said they might fill their designated hitter spot — left vacant by the retiring David Ortiz — with a DH-by-committee. That would still leave room, of course, for them to sign slugger Edwin Encarnacion.

Boston did make a move with manager John Farrell, picking up his contract option through the 2018 season.

Melancon tweeted that he was excited to be joining the Giants. They certainly were thrilled to get him, pending a physical, giving the 31-year-old the richest deal ever for a reliever. Because he was traded during the season, from Pittsburgh to Washington, the Giants don't lose their first-round draft pick next June as compensation.

The Giants' bullpen was a troublespot all year, blowing 32 saves. Their woes peaked in their final loss, to the Cubs in Game 4 of the NL playoffs, when Chicago scored four runs in the ninth inning against five relievers.

Melancon posted a combined 47 saves and a 1.64 ERA last season, a year after leading the majors with 51 saves for the Pirates.

The 36-year-old Hill found stability, and a lot more in Los Angeles. He was on the scrap heap in 2015, pitching in independent ball for the Long Island Ducks, before resurrecting his career.

"I think it's something that has been an incredible journey to get to this point, but never did I ever think that I would pack it in," he said.

Hill went a combined 12-5 with a 2.12 ERA in 20 starts for the Dodgers and Oakland last season.

Not everyone was in the holiday shopping spirit. Instead of hoping for hitters, pitchers or fielders, manager Ned Yost was thinking about his field back home in Georgia.

"I got to refill the feeders at the farm. Planted some grass, finally got some rain, so my wish is that it comes up," he said.

Beltran, Astros finalize $16 million contract

Beltran

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Carlos Beltran and the Houston Astros have finalized a $16 million, one-year contract.

Beltran was to be introduced Monday at Minute Maid Park.

The Astros have been busy boosting their lineup since missing the playoffs, trading for catcher Brian McCann and adding free-agent outfielder Josh Reddick.

Beltran turns 40 in April. He hit a combined .295 with 29 home runs and 93 RBIs last season for the New York Yankees and Texas. The switch-hitter split his time as a designated hitter and right fielder, playing 151 games.

Beltran is a nine-time All-Star and has hit .323 with 16 homers and 41 RBIs in 55 postseason games. He spent the last half of the 2004 season with the Astros and hit a post-season record-tying eight home runs.

Hideki Matsuyama ends his year on a big roll

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

NASSAU, Bahamas — It started with a victory at home in the Japan Open. It ended with another trophy in the Bahamas against a short but strong field.

Matsuyama

Five tournaments. Four victories.

The way Hideki Matsuyama is playing, he might wish the Masters started next week.

Or maybe not.

"I'm kind of glad it's not," he said with a broad smile, "because I don't think I could win next week."

Winning must be exhausting for the 24-year-old Japanese star, and no one has been more proficient at it over the last two months. Even more alarming is that Matsuyama is making it look easy, although getting through the final nine holes at the Hero World Challenge felt as heavy as walking through the beach sand of the Bahamas.

Coming off seven-shot victories in the HSBC Champions and the Taiheiyo Masters, he had a seven-shot lead over Henrik Stenson going into the final round at Albany Golf Club. Matsuyama didn't make another birdie after the ninth hole, and his lead was reduced to two shots with two holes to play when he closed with two pars for a 1-over 73 and a two-shot victory.

"I can't say that I played well today," he said. "But I did win Tiger's tournament, and what a great honor it is."

Matsuyama said Tiger Woods has been his golfing idol as long as he can remember, and as much as he enjoyed winning, he was just as happy to see Woods back in competition. Woods led the field with 24 birdies, but six double bogeys contributed to a 15th-place finish in the 17-man field.

The first time he heard of Woods was when Matsuyama was 5 and watched video — "over and over and over again," he said — of Woods winning the 1997 Masters. Three years later, Woods won 10 times around the world, including the final three majors in what is considered his best season.

Perhaps he is starting to appreciate what it's like to get on a roll.

"I'm not even close to being mentioned in the same sentence as Tiger," he said. "But I am working hard, and hopefully, little by little, I'll get better and better."

Matsuyama isn't the first player to get on a hot streak. Last year, Jason Day won four out of six tournaments against the strongest competition in the world, including the PGA Championship and a pair of FedEx Cup playoff events.

Matsuyama now has 12 victories worldwide, and while he became the first Asian to win a World Golf Championships title, a major is where players are measured.

"You've got to do it in the big events in the summer, too," Woods said. "So it's going to give him a boat load of confidence going into next year and he's going to be one of the top guys to beat for a very long time. Look at his swing, look at his game and look at the body that he has. It's built to handle the test of time."

Matsuyama hasn't finished out of the top five since the Tour Championship, and while he can't explain why he keeps winning, this recent run likely dates to the Deutsche Bank Championship. It was there that Hiroshi Iwata suggested a drill for his putting, which has held Matsuyama back.

Iwata introduced him to the "Pelz Putting Tutor," a small metal plate with two tiny steel balls at the end that are set apart just over the width of a golf ball. It is designed to help players line up putts and with their stroke.

Iwata's drill is to make 10 short putts in a row with a conventional grip, using only the left hand and only the right hand.

Perhaps it helped this week that Matsuyama's caddie, Daisuke Shindo, wanted the week off. So he borrowed Iwata's caddie, Mei Inui. Not only does she know the drill, she managed to keep Matsuyama calm when his lead was slipping away.

"When things get tough, I sometimes put my head down and become quiet," he said. "But Mei was always positive throughout, even the back nine, and was giving me good vibes, which really helped coming in."

Matsuyama, who now lives primarily in Orlando, Florida, is headed home for Japan to spend time with his family. He's worked hard. He's won plenty. He could probably use a break, but it won't be for long. He wants to keep this going into the new year, which starts Jan. 5 in Hawaii. And he's already thinking about the Masters.

Sepp Blatter loses appeal at CAS against 6-year FIFA ban

By Graham Dunbar
Associated Press

GENEVA — Sepp Blatter lost his appeal against a six-year ban by FIFA on Monday, and now has more serious legal cases lined up against him.

Blatter

Blatter said in a statement it was "difficult" to accept the Court of Arbitration for Sport's verdict, but that "the way the case progressed, no other verdict could be expected."

The former FIFA president, who was banned for approving a $2 million payment to Michel Platini in 2011, said he will accept the decision. He could have pursued a further appeal at Switzerland's supreme court.

The verdict ends Blatter's hopes of becoming honorary president of the soccer body he left in disgrace in February. He must also pay FIFA a fine of 50,000 Swiss francs ($49,500).

Still, his legal problems are far from over.

Blatter faces a separate FIFA ethics investigation into suspected bribery linked to multi-million dollar bonuses in top executives' contracts. Swiss prosecutors also opened criminal proceedings against Blatter for the Platini payment, and a sale of World Cup television rights.

He is also a stated target of American federal prosecutors in their sprawling investigation of corruption linked to international soccer officials, and an expected witness in a separate Swiss probe of German organizers of the 2006 World Cup.

Blatter denies any wrongdoing.

The three-member CAS panel was judging whether Blatter was guilty of unethically offering a cash gift and conflict of interest with Platini, who was a FIFA vice president in 2011.

Blatter and Platini both said the $2 million was uncontracted salary based on a verbal agreement more than a decade earlier. From 1999 to 2002, the former France great was the newly elected Blatter's presidential adviser.

Blatter said Monday it was "incomprehensible" that his version was not accepted "in spite of my testimony to the contrary and the testimony given by other witnesses."

However, that explanation of a salary deal has now been doubted by three sets of judges at FIFA and CAS.

The FIFA ethics committee investigated after the payment emerged in September 2015 during the wider Swiss federal probe of FIFA.

STALLARD

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So when oil is down, the tournaments go on."

As part of its expansion, the Bush Tennis Center would install four covered clay courts, grandstands to hold major tennis events and a clubhouse for tennis players.

Part of Stallard's motivation is giving back and helping youths reach their potential. As a teenager at Odessa Permian High, Stallard used to receive countless hours of free instruction, outside of practice time, from former head coach Pat Wikse.

That time was invaluable to Stallard, as he grew up in a middle class home where his parents were divorced and his mother was working two jobs.

Stallard, who wears a Permian tennis bracelet proudly, recalls the times when he used to fret over breaking a string on his racket or patch up holes on his shoes with duct tape, so he understands the financial challenges that some youths face.

"It's tough, it's not a cheap sport," said Stallard said. "That's why this is perfect because I love helping kids, I love giving them the opportunity."

Stallard said the development of local youth players and offering the game to all people, regardless of social-economic background, remains a top mission of the Bush Tennis Center.

"You can walk in off the street and for six bucks, rent a court," Stallard said. "That was the mission, that was the vision, was to have a world class facility, but make it available for everyone, whatever their life circumstances are."

Stallard said his predecessor Valdez did a great job of establishing youth outreach programs with Midland ISD and he would like to build upon his work by initiating a junior development program by early 2017.

Bush Tennis Center also plans to fund a van to transport youths to major tournaments in the region, and to bring prominent tennis pros and coaches to conduct clinics throughout the year.

Stallard believes that every area has youths that are capable of doing great things and he envisions the Bush Tennis Center as a vehicle for untapping that hidden potential and changing lives.

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Hall on the shoulders of all the owners whose pockets he lined with cash.

But being good for the owners also made Selig bad for the players more than once, too. He was involved in the collusion scandal as an owner and led the palace coup to dethrone Fay Vincent and erase any remaining notions that the commissioner's office was even-handed. He proved that by becoming the public face and backroom leader of the owners' cabal that forced the most destructive strike in baseball history and the only cancellation of a World Series.

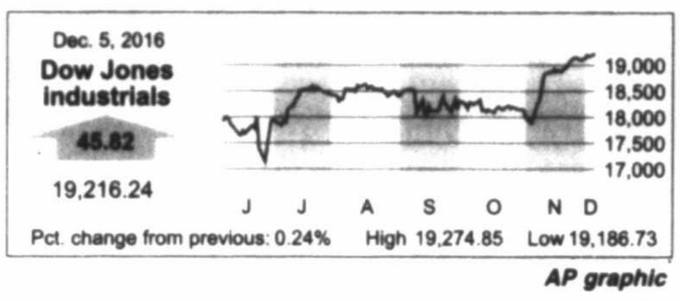
But for all the pitched labor battles Selig waged, his biggest sin was turning a blind eye to the wave of PEDs that swept across baseball coming out of that 1994 strike. Remember, it was Selig who dispatched a team of scientists on a fact-finding mission — read: junket — to the Caribbean in 2002 to rummage through the factories where baseballs are made.

Even he must have suspected by then they were poking under the wrong kids of hide. And to his credit, Selig spent most of his last decade in office trying to clean up the mess. The safeguards in place are better and baseball is arguably less doped-up than it's been in a long time.

The veterans panel that put Selig in had all that information before casting ballots. The conclusion it reached is that, on balance, his record of service to the game outweighed those flaws. Bonds and Clemens and more than a few others who thrived during the steroid era — like Selig and nearly everybody else in his employ — deserve the same consideration.

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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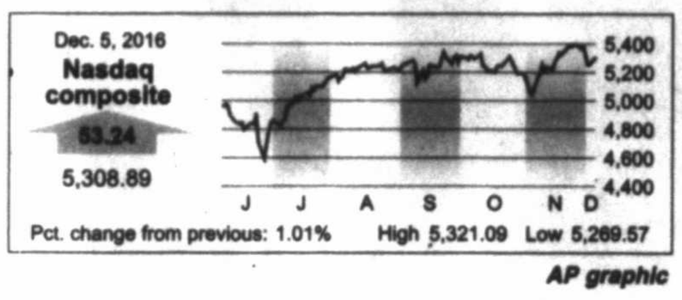

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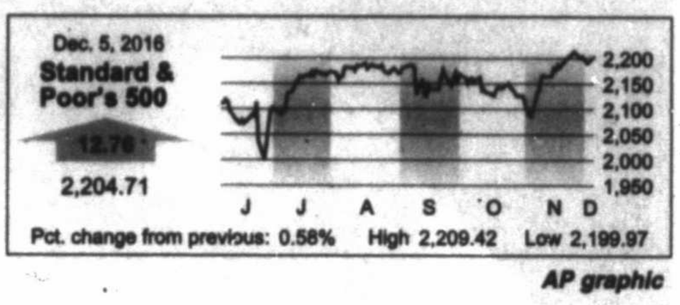

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Previous: $51.68

POSTED

Monday: $48.00
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Monday: $44.10
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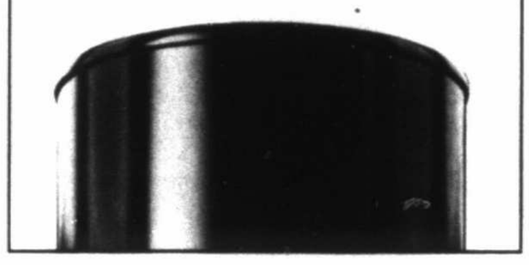

Mexico awards first deep-water oil agreement

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's state-owned oil company Pemex said Monday that it has awarded its first contract with a private firm for a joint operating agreement in deep-water oil drilling.

The deep-water field known as the Trion block will be developed by the Australian firm BHP Billiton under a "farm-out" agreement in which the leaseholder of an oil field grants an operating interest to another company to develop the field.

The Trion field is near Mexico's maritime boundary with the United States in the Gulf of Mexico and is believed to hold the equivalent of 485 million barrels of oil.

BHP Billiton said Monday it will take a 60 percent interest in the block, while Pemex will retain 40 percent. The Australian company could eventually invest funds and give payments to Pemex totaling $624 million under the agreement.

"Today is a historic day for Pemex and Mexico, as it is the company's first association agreement," a Pemex statement said.

The National Oil Commission also announced the results of bidding on exploration licensing contracts for 10 other deep-water fields. Two of the contracts drew no bidders, but eight were assigned.

Four blocks in the Perdido Fold belt, which is in the same area where Trion is located, were won mostly by foreign firms. China Offshore Oil Corporation E&P Mexico won contracts for two blocks. An alliance of Chevron, Pemex and Japan's Inpex got another block, and France's Total and ExxonMobil won the fourth.

"Today is a historic day for Pemex and Mexico, as it is the company's first association agreement."

Pemex statement

Six deep-water blocks were offered farther south in the Salina basin. Two drew no bidders, and four were awarded, mainly to foreign firms.

An alliance of Norway's Statoil, BP and Total took two blocks. Malaysia's PC Carigali and Mexico's Sierra took another, and the U.S. Murphy Oil Corp. joined them and Britain's Ophir in winning the fourth.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1259780	21.84	+.61
SPDR Fncl	945300	22.92	+.27
S&P500ETF	613966	221.00	+1.32
VanEGold	503931	21.33	-.04
ChesEng	570425	7.48	+.25

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tidwtr	3.21	+.58	+22.1
UnwTInst	3.07	+.45	+17.2
NL Inds	6.70	+.80	+13.6
Hornbeck	7.09	+.84	+13.4
W&T Off	2.10	+.21	+11.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

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InnovInd n	15.40	-3.05	-16.5
CSVInvNG	3.88	-.62	-13.8
PUVixST rs	9.93	-1.51	-13.2
Intelsat	3.69	-.35	-8.7
PrUltShN s	26.34	-2.44	-8.5

DIARY

Advanced	2,130
Declined	846
Unchanged	100
Total issues	3,076
New Highs	242
New Lows	37
Volume	3,782,763,577

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
B2gold g	45881	2.46	-.01
NwGold g	43928	3.71	+.08
SynergyRs	37301	9.37	+.02
BarrGSOil	34337	5.11	-.08
GranTrra g	30951	3.05	+.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VimetX	3.50	+.35	+11.1
NthnO&G	2.45	+.20	+8.9
GpoSimec	12.82	+1.01	+8.6
RxVmxInF	42.53	+3.13	+7.9
ErthEn rs	2.30	+.15	+7.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AvalonHld	2.65	-.38	-12.5
RxVmxWk	9.12	-.85	-8.5
RingEngy	12.15	-.81	-6.3
Earthstone	13.96	-.70	-4.8
SwGA Fn	17.20	-.80	-4.4

DIARY

Advanced	238
Declined	114
Unchanged	23
Total issues	375
New Highs	18
New Lows	5
Volume	117,584,828

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	475178	4.33	+.03
Apple Inc	322490	109.11	-.79
FrontierCm	299455	3.42	-.06
MicronT	263426	18.61	-.18
Microsoft	228481	60.22	+.97

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Biomerin n	2.90	+.79	+37.4
Eco-StimE	2.07	+.45	+27.8
NeuroDerm	19.65	+4.10	+26.4
LCNB Corp	24.80	+4.40	+21.6
SelectaB n	23.44	+3.83	+19.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PorterBcp	2.03	-.44	-17.8
HudsonTc	6.84	-1.13	-14.2
DiffusPh n	3.00	-.45	-13.1
WillVV pfA	4.90	-.73	-13.0
CSVInSh rs	10.83	-1.62	-13.0

DIARY

Advanced	2,119
Declined	676
Unchanged	221
Total issues	3,016
New Highs	238
New Lows	35
Volume	1,721,878,050

Get used to it: Economists see 'new normal' of slow growth

Associated Press

Americans should get used to a "new normal" of slow economic growth, business economists say.

The median estimate from economists surveyed by the National Association for Business Economics calls for the American economy to grow 2.2 percent in 2017, up from a forecast 1.6 percent this year and unchanged from the previous survey in September.

The improved number is still lackluster by historical standards. U.S. economic growth averaged 3.1 percent a year from 1948 to 2015, according to the Congressional Research Service. But the business economists say Americans need to get used to slow growth: 80 percent of those surveyed believe the potential growth rate of the American economy will remain at 2.5 percent or lower over the next five years.

The economy has been hobbled by an aging work force and weak gains in productivity.

Still, the economists see the risk of a recession as remote; 90 percent expect the current economic expansion to continue until at least 2018.

They expect employers to add an average 168,000 jobs a month in 2017, down from 180,000 a month so far this year.

Those surveyed also predict the unemployment rate, which fell to a nine-year low 4.6 percent last month, will average 4.7 percent in 2017.

A healthy job market means wage growth is likely to outpace inflation this year and next, the economists say. They see consumer prices rising 2.3 percent next year, almost double the 1.2 percent increase they expect this year.

Two-fifths of the economists say increased spending on roads, bridges and other infrastructure projects would be the best way to boost economic growth over the next four years; 36 percent chose tax reform, which usually includes reducing the high official U.S. corporate tax rate in exchange for closing tax loopholes. President-elect Donald Trump has said both infrastructure spending and tax reform will be priorities in his administration.

Dow gets to new record

U.S. stocks resumed their climb Monday as investors bought stocks that stand to benefit from economic growth, like banks, as well as technology companies, which have been mostly left out of a post-election rally. The Dow Jones industrial set another record high.

Energy companies rose as the price of oil reached its highest level since July 2015. Small-company stocks continued to outpace the rest of the market. Technology companies have fallen since the election as big names like Facebook and Alphabet have lost ground. But that changed Monday.

Samantha Azzarello, global market strategist for JPMorgan Asset Management, said investors have been steadily moving money away from safe-play stocks over the past year and favoring companies that stand to do the best when economic growth picks up steam, as it did in the third quarter. Azzarello said investors expect that trend to continue.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 45.82 points, or 0.2 percent, to 19,216.24. Earlier it went as high as 19,274. The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 12.76 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,204.71. The Nasdaq composite added 53.24 points, or 1 percent, to 5,308.89.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold fell $1.30 to $1,176.50 an ounce. Silver rose 7 cents to $16.90 an ounce. Copper jumped 7 cents, or 2.8 percent, to $2.70 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $101.98 Down 3.25

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $142.72 Up 0.12

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $7.59 Down 0.04

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $106.93 Down 1.21

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.56 Up 0.30

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.70 Up 0.30

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $31.35 Up 1.00

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $43.72 Down 0.64

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.15 Down 0.81

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.00 Up 0.28

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		31	10.65	+.85	+375.4
AT&T Inc	1.96f	15	38.63	+.02	+12.3
Abraxas	...	...	**2.13**	**-.01**	**+100.9**
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	**12.39**	**+.02**	**-3.4**
AMD			8.68	+.15	+202.4
AlonUSA	.60		10.24	+.46	-31.0
Ambev	.19e		4.82	+.04	+8.1
Amgen	**4.00**	**13**	**145.29**	**+1.28**	**-10.5**
Anadarko	**.20**	**...**	**68.29**	**-.27**	**+40.6**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**66.41**	**+1.30**	**+49.3**
Apple Inc	2.28	13	109.11	-.79	+3.7
ApldMatl	**.40**	**19**	**31.53**	**+.09**	**+88.9**
ArcelorMit		29	8.16	+.34	+153.8
Archrock	.48f	...	13.85	+.45	+84.2
ATMOS	**1.68**	**21**	**71.15**	**-.32**	**+12.9**
AutoData	2.28f	29	96.05	+.81	+13.4
BP PLC	**2.40e**	**...**	**35.48**	**...**	**+13.5**
BakrHu	.68	...	66.31	+1.01	+43.7
BkofAm	.30f	17	21.84	+.61	+29.8
B iPVxST rs		...	27.03	-1.94	...
BarringsCp s	1.20	...	15.94	-.22	-7.6
BarrickG	.08	36	15.71	+.05	+112.9
BasicEnSv	...	...	.49	+.01	-81.6
BerkHa A	**...**	**16240000.00**	**+930.00**	**+21.3**
BlkHillsCp	**1.68**	**21**	**58.76**	**+.26**	**+26.6**
BostonSci	...	44	20.71	+.36	+12.3
BrMySq	**1.52**	**39**	**55.55**	**-.41**	**-19.2**
BrownFA s	**...**	**29**	**47.14**	**-.11**	**...**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**45.06**	**+.05**	**-10.6**
CSX	.72	20	36.53	+.05	+40.8
CVS Health	1.70f	14	77.99	+.37	-20.2
Caterpillar	3.08	26	94.45	-.69	+39.0
Celestic g	...	10	12.10	+.21	+9.7
CntryLink	2.16	10	24.19	+.27	-3.9
ChesEng	...	...	7.48	+.25	+66.2
Chevron	**4.28**	**...**	**113.25**	**+.25**	**+25.9**
Chicos	.32	34	15.65	+.25	+46.7
Cimarex	.32	...	141.06	+1.98	+57.8
Cisco	1.04	14	29.53	+.28	+9.6
Citigroup	.64	16	57.28	+1.26	+10.7
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**101.98**	**-3.25**	**+244.9**
CliffsNRs	**...**	**24**	**10.48**	**+.92**	**+563.3**
CocaCola	**1.40**	**25**	**40.62**	**+.26**	**-5.4**
ColgPalm	**1.56**	**23**	**64.63**	**-.09**	**-3.0**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	**1.00**	**21**	**37.15**	**+.26**	**+13.2**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**142.72**	**+.12**	**+53.7**
ConocoPhil	**1.00**	**...**	**48.88**	**+.76**	**+4.7**
CrackerB	4.60	22	167.78	+1.78	+32.3
CSVInvNG			3.88	-.62	-69.0
CSVelIVST			44.73	+2.88	+73.4
CSVLgCrd rs				25.03	-.69
CrosTim	**1.09e**	**13**	**18.10**	**+.35**	**+39.1**
DCP Mid	3.12	16	34.67	+.22	+40.5
DTE	2.92	21	95.08	-.05	+18.6
Dataram rs			1.10	-.06	-44.4
DevonE	**.24**		**47.74**	**-.11**	**+49.2**
DrGMBil s			7.40	+.09	...
DxGBull s			8.48	-.04	...
Disney	**1.56f**	**18**	**99.96**	**+1.46**	**-4.9**
DowChm	**1.84**	**18**	**56.06**	**+.84**	**+8.9**
EOG Resce	**.67**	**...**	**104.46**	**+.72**	**+47.6**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**23**	**34.17**	**+.08**	**+21.7**
Energen	.08		59.33	-.86	+44.7
EngyTsfr	4.22		33.79	-.59	+.2
EnPro	**.84**	**47**	**62.53**	**+1.46**	**+42.6**
EntProdPt	1.62f	20	25.55	+.17	-.1
Ericsson	.46e		5.30	+.14	-44.8
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**35**	**87.48**	**+.44**	**+12.2**
Facebook		41	117.43	+2.03	+12.2
FlatChrys			8.11	+.48	-11.8
Fitbit n		10	8.03	-.11	-72.9
FordM	.60a	6	12.44	+.20	-11.7
FrptMcM			15.87	+.45	+134.4
FrontierCm	.42		3.42	-.06	-26.8
GATX	**1.60**	**8**	**57.72**	**+.98**	**+35.7**
GabMulNT	**.94e**	**...**	**7.48**	**+.03**	**-.3**
GAMev	**1.15e**	**...**	**30.95**	**+.22**	**+7.9**
GenElec	**.92**	**28**	**31.11**	**-.33**	**-1**
GenMotors	1.52	6	34.94	-.09	+2.7
GtPlainEn	**1.10f**	**16**	**26.32**	**+.01**	**-3.6**
Groupon			3.80	+.01	+23.8
Hallibrtn	**.72**	**...**	**53.90**	**-.09**	**+58.3**
HeclaM	.01e	36	6.50	+.14	+243.9
Hilton	.28	18	26.09	+.83	+21.9
HuntBncsh	.32f	18	13.03	+.09	+17.8
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	32.12	+.44	+55.3
iShEMkts	.84e	...	35.41	+.29	+10.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	57.27	+.56	-2.5
iShR2K	1.77e	...	133.15	+2.25	+18.2
Intel	**1.04**	**15**	**34.39**	**+.23**	**-.2**
InterDig	1.20f	14	81.35	+2.75	+65.9
iShJapan rs			49.56	-.06	...
JPMorgCh	1.92	14	83.26	+1.66	+26.9
JohnJn	**3.20**	**17**	**111.94**	**-.02**	**+9.0**
Keycorp	.34	16	17.70	-.20	+34.2
KimbCik	**3.68**	**19**	**113.63**	**-.48**	**-16.7**
KindMorg	.50	49	21.46	+.10	+43.8
Kinrpes g			3.41	-.06	+67.4
LegacyRes	.60m		2.56	+.30	+48.3
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**4.26**	**-.05**	**-4.7**
MarathnO	.20		18.39	+.19	+46.1
McDnlds	3.76f	23	119.29	+1.05	+1.0
Merck	**1.88f**	**16**	**60.25**	**-.88**	**+14.1**
MeritMed	**...**	**33**	**24.75**	**+.15**	**+39.1**
MexcoEn	...	...	4.69	+.29	+45.2
MicronT	...	...	18.61	-.18	+31.4
Microsoft	1.56f	25	60.22	+.97	+8.5
MorgStan	.80	17	42.09	+.26	+32.3
Nabors	.24	...	17.49	+.44	+105.5
NatGrid	**3.25e**	**...**	**57.20**	**-.27**	**-17.5**
NOilVarco	.20	21	38.80	+.81	+15.9
Neovasc g	...	...	1.42	+.56	-68.4
NokiaCp	.30e	...	4.51	+.28	-35.8
NSTR	**.55e**	**...**	**13.77**	**-.02**	**-5.3**
NTXQI	**.85**	**...**	**13.40**	**+.01**	**-7.1**
Nvidia	.56f	56	91.86	+3.43	+178.8
OcciPet	**3.04f**	**...**	**70.86**	**+.13**	**+8.0**
Oracle	.80	19	38.97	+.47	+7.1
PerTech	**...**	**16**	**5.28**	**+.03**	**-21.5**
PetroDvl	**...**	**...**	**2.40**	**+.18**	**+31.9**
PetUTI	**.06**	**9**	**28.79**	**+.69**	**+60.8**
Penney	...	...	9.86	+.05	+48.0
PennaRE	**.84**	**60**	**19.09**	**+.10**	**-12.7**
Prmian	.38e	20	7.18	-.03	+41.9
PetrbrsA	...	...	9.04	-.01	+165.9
Petrobras	...	...	10.45	-.23	+143.0
Pfizer	**1.20**	**13**	**31.89**	**-.04**	**-2.1**
PioNtrl	.08	...	188.25	+.70	+50.1
PlainsAAP	**2.20m**	**29**	**31.36**	**-.67**	**+38.8**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	116.60	+.90	+4.2
Praxair	**3.00**	**23**	**116.76**	**+.80**	**+17.0**
PrmrEgy	**...**	**...**	**51.50**	**...**	**-2.8**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PUVixST rs	...	...	9.93	-1.51	...
PrUCrude rs	...	...	11.00	-.21	-12.3
ProctGam	**2.88**	**22**	**82.99**	**+.59**	**+4.5**
RangeRs	.08	...	38.42	+2.06	+56.1
RegionsFn	.28f	18	14.02	+.28	+46.0
RiteAid	...	54	8.06	+.05	+2.8
Rowan	.40	6	18.08	+.66	+6.7
RoyDShllA	3.76	79	52.20	+.28	+14.0
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	192.22	+.48	+10.5
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	221.00	+1.32	+8.4
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	42.45	+.42	+40.5
SabnR	1.83e	17	36.10	+.27	+37.5
SandersRs	.06f	14	65.86	+3.94	+10.8
Schlmbrg	2.00	55	84.43	-.08	+21.0
SiriusXM	.01p	36	4.33	+.03	+6.4
Smucker	3.00f	16	126.01	+.73	+2.2
SwstnEngy	...	...	12.29	+.62	+72.9
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	50.63	+.06	+.3
SP Engy	2.04e	...	75.49	+.86	+25.1
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	22.92	+.27	+18.4
SP Util	1.55e	...	48.86	+.06	+8.3
SunocoLog	2.04f	48	22.75	-.43	-11.5
TeleflEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**8.58**	**+.10**	**-25.1**
Tesoro	2.20	11	88.61	+3.70	-15.9
3M Co	4.44	21	171.62	-.81	+13.9
Torchmark	**.86**	**16**	**71.53**	**+.58**	**+25.4**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Transocn	...	...	13.98	+.63	+12.9
TriContl	.82e	...	21.74	+.11	+8.8
21stCFoxA	.36f	17	27.56	+.16	+1.5
Twitter	...	...	18.23	+.30	-21.2
TylerTech	**...**	**51**	**144.88**	**+2.19**	**-16.9**
UBSI	**1.32**	**24**	**46.80**	**+1.25**	**+26.5**
US NGas	...	...	9.04	+.34	+4.3
US OilFd	...	...	11.35	-.13	+3.2
USSteel	.20	...	35.21	+1.60	+341.2
Vale SA	.29e	...	8.66	+.22	+163.2
ValeroE	2.40	14	64.52	+3.06	-8.8
VanEGold	.12e	...	21.33	-.04	+55.5
VanE JrGld	...	...	35.59	+.13	+85.3
VangNatR	.36	2	1.34	+.43	-55.0
VerizonCm	2.31f	14	49.75	-.06	+7.6
VulcanM	**.80**	**45**	**127.80**	**+.44**	**+34.3**
WEC Engy	2.08f	19	55.69	+.05	+8.5
WalgBoots	1.50	19	85.00	-.11	-.2
WealthInt	...	...	5.34	+.23	-36.4
WellsFargo	1.52	13	54.35	+.77	...
WstnRefin	1.52	26	38.13	+1.37	+7.0
WhitingPet	...	...	12.30	+.06	+30.3
WmsCos	.80	73	31.41	+.58	+22.2
XcelEngy	**1.36**	**18**	**38.79**	**+.05**	**-8.0**
Xerox	.31	12	9.32	-.18	-12.3
Yamana g	.02m	...	3.02	-.01	+62.4

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19,225.29	15,450.56	Dow Jones Industrials	19,216.24	+45.82	+.24	+10.26	+8.38
9,075.82	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	9,081.61	+32.65	+.36	+20.95	+15.18
723.83	547.22	Dow Jones Utilities	694.03	+1.81	+.29	+9.73	+12.64
10,903.86	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,910.90	+72.32	+.67	+7.57	+5.88
5,403.86	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,308.89	+53.24	+1.01	+8.02	+4.06
2,214.10	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,204.71	+12.76	+.58	+7.87	+6.15
1,640.82	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,642.79	+18.00	+1.11	+17.46	+14.52
23,188.24	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	23,095.48	+186.76	+.73	+9.11	+7.47
1,347.20	943.09	Russell 2000	1,337.78	+23.53	+1.79	+17.77	+14.90

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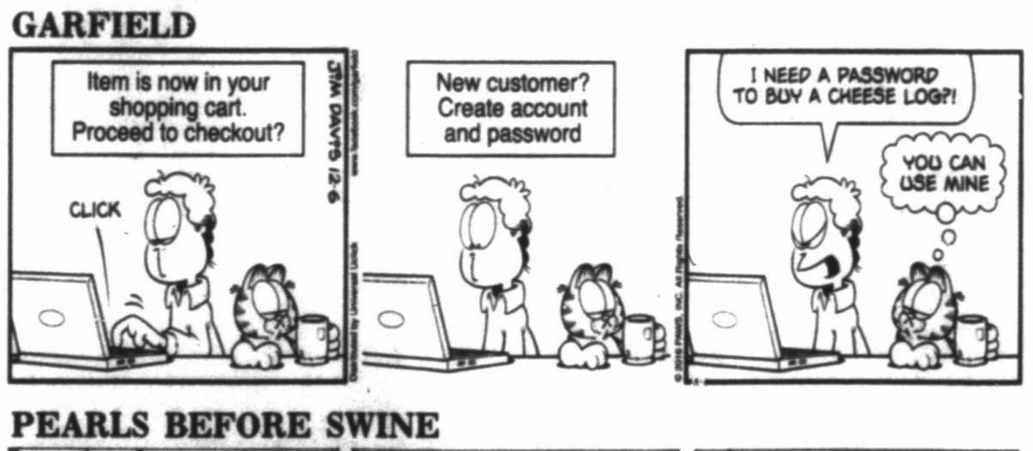

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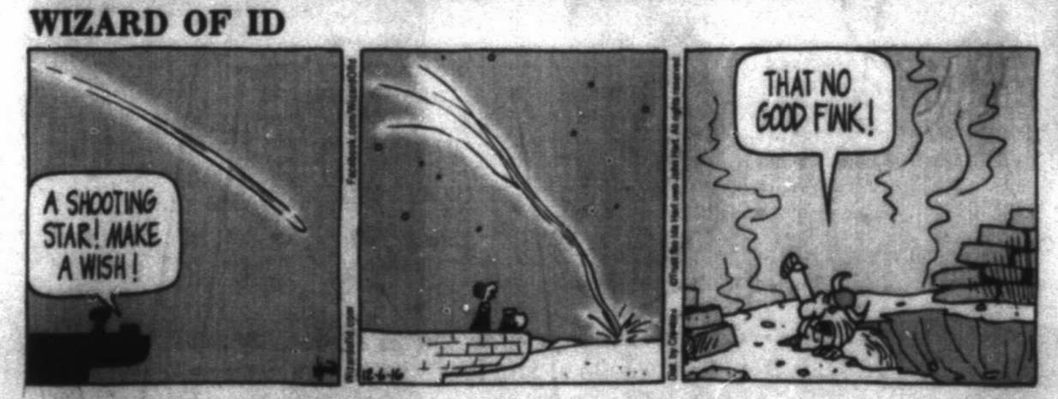

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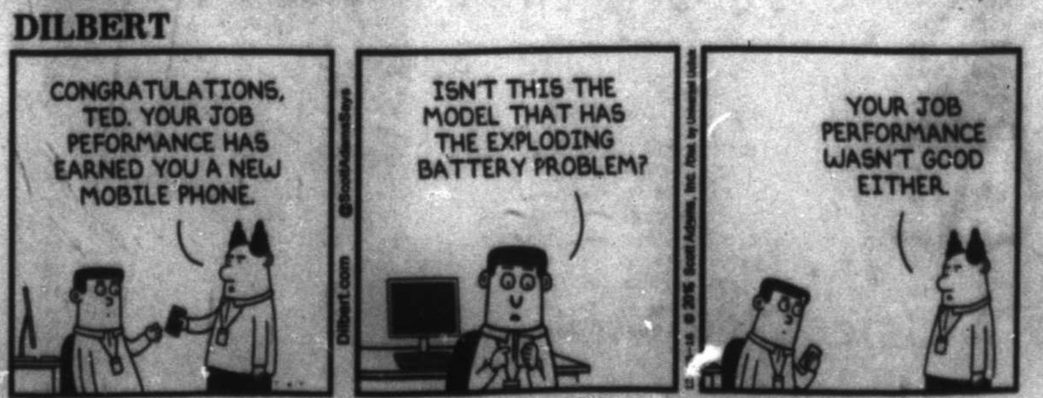

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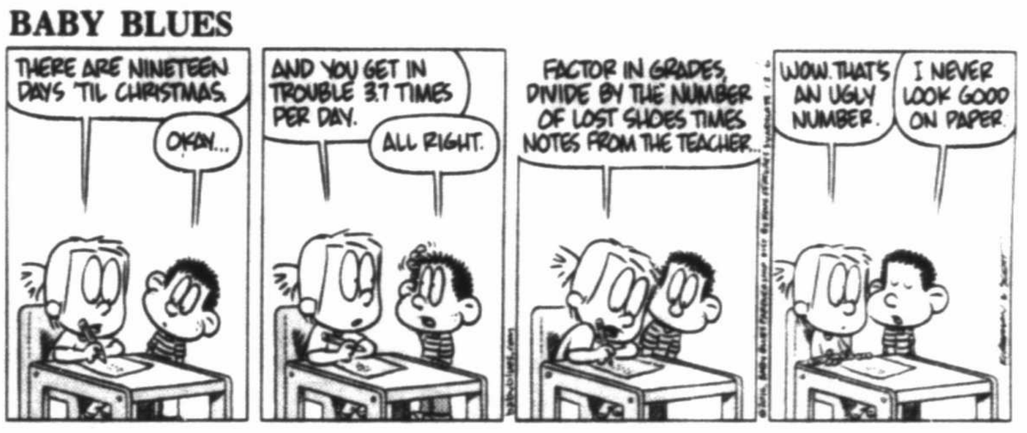

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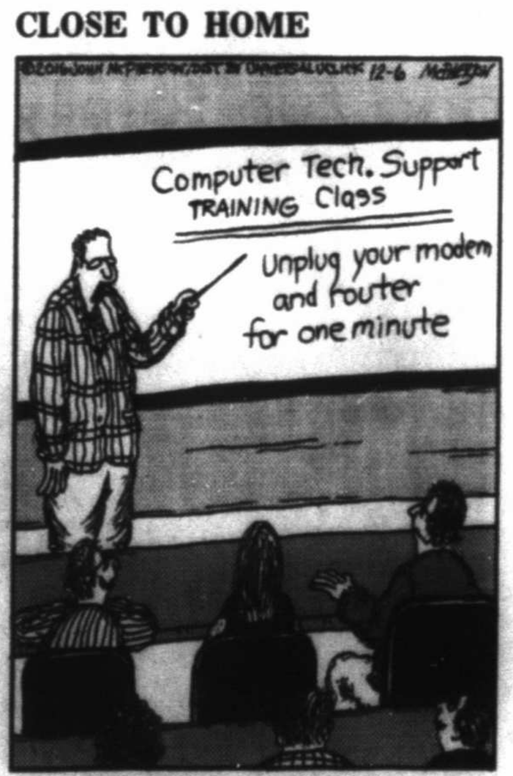

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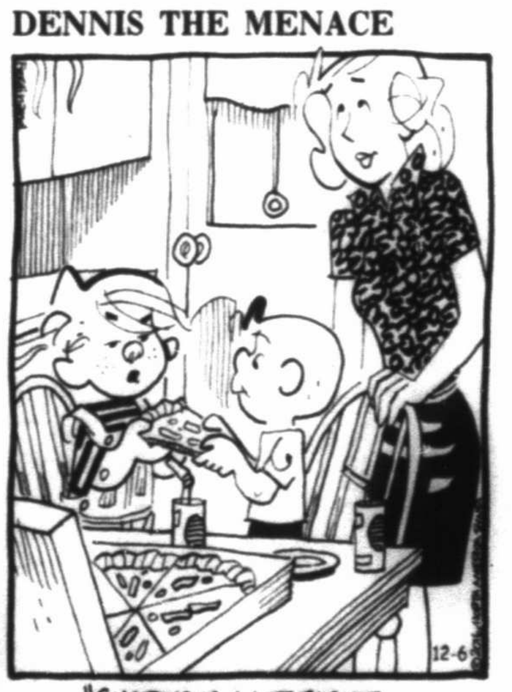

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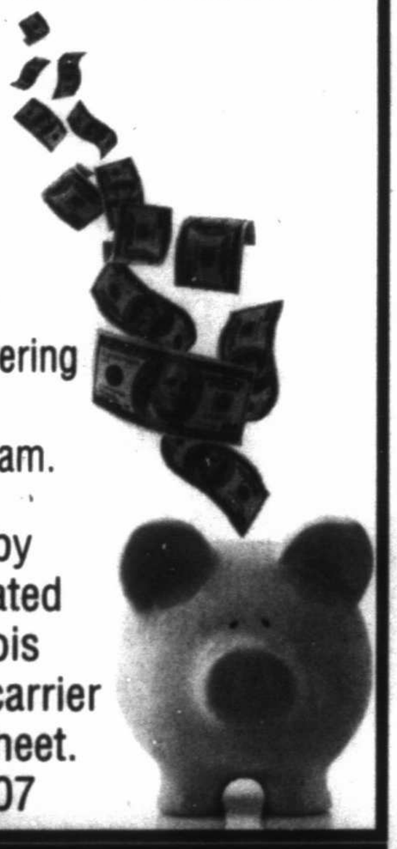

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RFP 17000666: Request for Proposals for Retail Study and Analysis

To receive a copy of the RFP, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Office at 432-685-7234 or email us at purchasing@midlandtexas.gov. Proposals must be submitted no later than 12/30/16 at 2:00 PM local time to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code

City of Midland, Texas

PROPOSED CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION at CENTENNIAL PARK

Pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Parks and Wildlife Code of Texas, the City Council of the City of Midland will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on December 13, 2016, in the City Council Chamber, 300 N. Loraine Street to consider a request to expand the Midland Center and construct new staging, lighting, turf, trees, benches, sidewalks, and a splash pad, on Centennial Park, for public use. A portion of the new Midland Center will be located on Centennial Park. (Generally located on block 54, lots 13-24, Original Town Addition, between Wall Street and Texas Avenue)

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting the City of Midland, at 432-685-7247. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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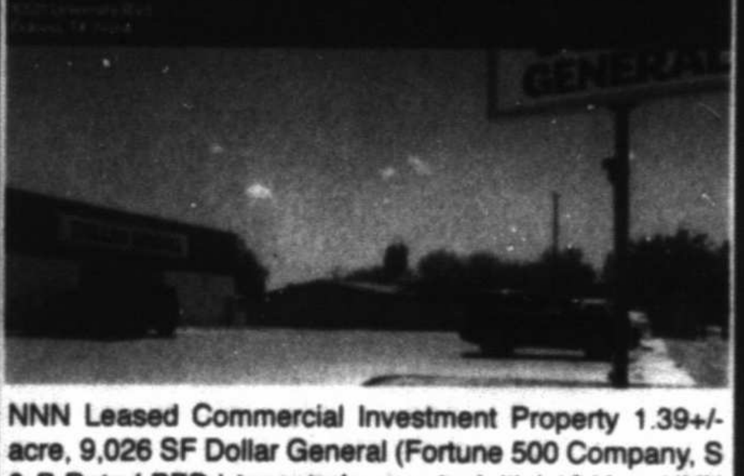

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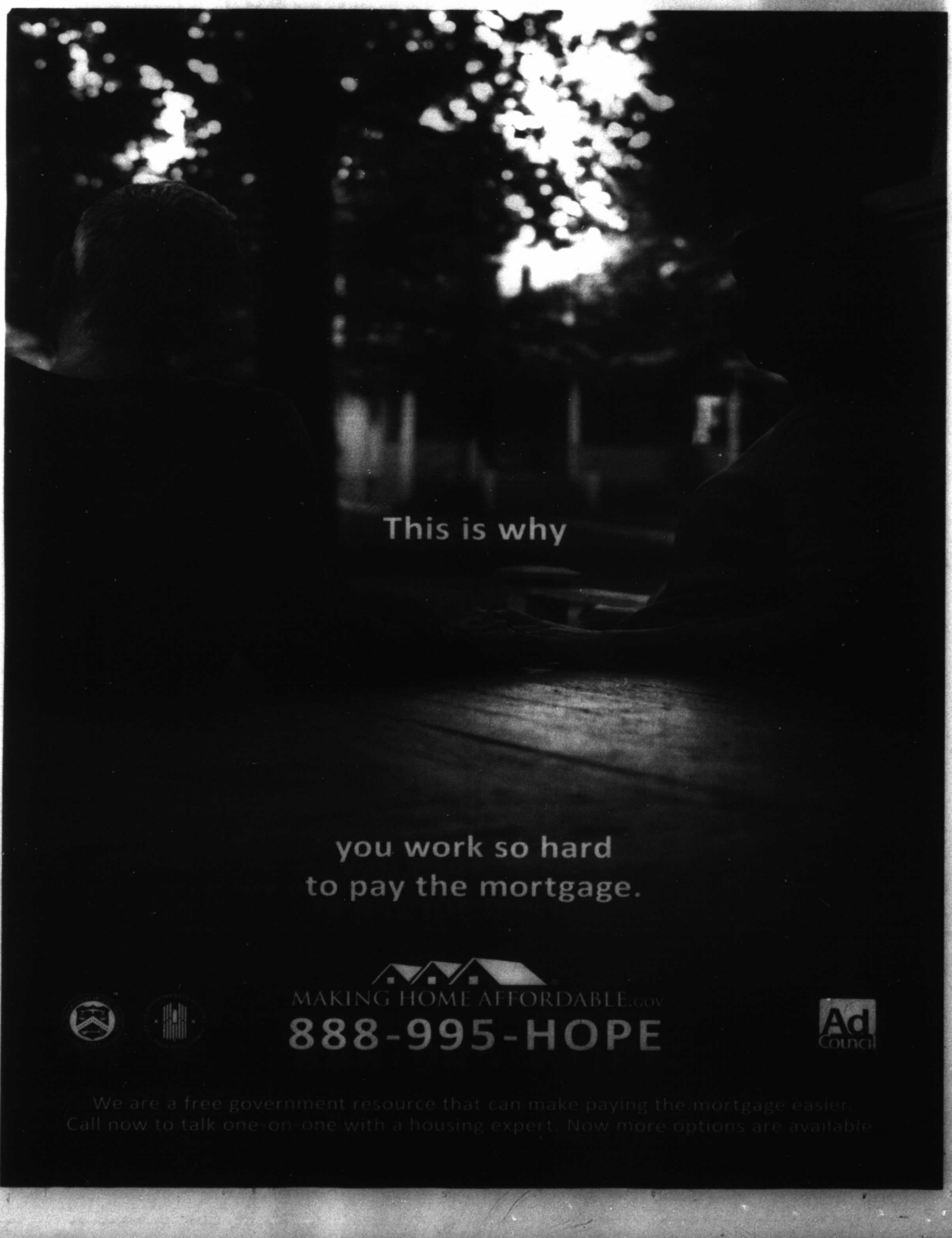

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FIGHTING FORGERIES

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A large-scale landscape by David Hockney titled "Woldgate Woods, 24, 25 and 26 October, 2006" is displayed at Sotheby's, in New York. The painting sold at auction by Sotheby's in New York for $11.7 million on Nov. 17. In a bid to fight art fraud, Sotheby's announced Monday that it had purchased a forensics firm whose founder once helped the auction house belatedly identify a $10 million painting as a fake.

In bid to fight art fraud, Sotheby's acquires forensic lab

By Ula Ilnytzky
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In a bid to fight art fraud, Sotheby's announced Monday that it had purchased a forensics firm whose founder once helped the auction house belatedly identify a $10 million painting as a fake.

Sotheby's said that Orion Analytical, based in Williamstown, Massachusetts, will be folded into the company and its founder, the artist, conservator and forensic scientist James Martin, will lead a new scientific research department charged with making sure the works the auction house deals with are authentic.

The purchase comes amid a number of recent art forgeries in the art world, including a supposed Old Master painting that was sold by Sotheby's to an art collector for $10 million in a private sale in 2011.

In March of this year, Sotheby's declared "Portrait of a Man" by Frans Hals a fake after questions arose about its authenticity. An in-depth technical analysis by Orion, reviewed by another conservation scientist, confirmed the suspicion. The forger remains unknown.

Sotheby's said Monday that the acquisition of Orion and Martin's appointment would add to collectors' confidence in the auction house.

Martin, who founded Orion Analytical in 1990, has analyzed the chemical and structural composition of disputed artworks for clients around the world, including private collectors, museums, galleries and the FBI.

"Rather than being retained on a series of one-off assignments when issues arise, Jamie will be establishing a set of protocols to determine which works should be examined proactively, as well as training our specialist staff to identify potential issues, placing us in a position to provide even greater service to our clients," in the areas of art, objects and wine, Sotheby's said.

New York art attorney Peter Stern called Sotheby's move "brilliant" and said Martin was "one of the most highly respected art analysts in the world."

Among his nearly 2,000 investigations, Martin examined the paintings in a sensational art fraud case involving the once highly respected Knoedler & Company, a Manhattan gallery accused of selling forged fakes of modern masters like Jackson Pollock and Mark Rothko for millions of dollars.

The 150-year-old gallery closed in 2011. The bogus paintings, created by a Chinese immigrant in New York City, were sold between 1994 and 2011. The civil trial ended in a settlement in February. The terms were not disclosed.

"Knoedler's lesson may well be that art attorneys need to educate clients who are buying artworks to require warranties relating to authenticity," Chicago-based art attorney Scott Hodes said. "The Orion Analytical acquisition has spotlighted this need."

"Sotheby's will definitely be in a better position than its competition to detect forgeries," he added.

Artworks have long been authenticated based on provenance, style, and paint pigments. But in an art market where buyers think nothing of spending several millions of dollars on one piece of art, scientific examination that uses state-of-the-art technical imaging, molecular analysis, magnified visual inspection and other sophisticated methods, adds another layer of assurance that a work is real. It also can protect buyers and sellers from monetary losses and protect the integrity of artists and their works.

Martin has taught at The Getty Conservation Institute and The Smithsonian's Museum Conservation Institute and will continue to teach and consult with museums and conservators as part of his work at Sotheby's.

"The range of works offered by Sotheby's, as well as the breadth of existing expertise and experience, provides for a unique opportunity to leverage my capabilities across the company's global platform," Martin said in a statement.

Virgin Galactic's new spaceship makes 1st glide flight

Associated Press

MOJAVE, Calif. — Virgin Galactic's new spaceship successfully completed its first free flight with a glide test over the Mojave Desert, the company said.

The craft was carried aloft Saturday morning by its mothership, released at an altitude of 50,000 feet and, with pilots Mark Stuck and Dave Mackay in the cockpit, glided for 10 minutes to a landing at Mojave Air and Space Port.

The spaceship, named Unity, had previously been flown on captive-carry flights in which it remained attached to the wing of the mothership, a specially designed jet name WhiteKnightTwo.

Virgin Galactic said there will be many glide flights to confirm how it performs in real-world conditions before testing proceeds to rocket-powered flights.

The company said on its website that flight data and information from the pilots indicated it went "extremely well, but we'll take the time to properly and thoroughly analyze the vehicle's performance before clearing the vehicle for our next test."

The craft is the second developed under Virgin Galactic's plan for a fleet of ships that will carry passengers on thrill rides to space and back.

Virgin Galactic's first spaceship broke apart in 2014 during its fourth rocket-powered test flight when the co-pilot prematurely unlocked a system used for slowing the vehicle during re-entry into the atmosphere. The co-pilot was killed, and the pilot survived.

Virgin Galactic is owned by Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Group and Aabar Investments of Abu Dhabi.

Branson, who was on hand at Mojave to watch Unity, noted that it marked the first free flight of a spaceship built entirely by the company's manufacturing arm, The Spaceship Company.

The craft is 60 feet long, has a wingspan of 42 feet and is designed to carry six passengers in addition to the two-person crew.

The design is called SpaceShipTwo, following the concept of SpaceShipOne, which flew into space three times in 2004 and won the $10 million Ansari X Prize.

Study to look at relationship between sleep and pain

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Washington State University will take part in a study on the relationship between sleep and chronic pain, part of a nationwide effort to stem the abuse of opioid pain relievers.

Study lead Marian Wilson of the WSU College of Nursing says doctors are being pressured to stop prescribing so many opioids.

Wilson says the relationship between sleep and pain has not been adequately studied. But there is some thought that suggests bad sleep goes with bad pain.

Manage your wine and beer consumption with these apps

Dear PropellerHeads: With the end-of-year festivities coming up, I'd like to be prepared. What apps will help me celebrate in style?

A: I appreciate a person of such foresight, especially when it comes to my second favorite topic: beer. My favorite topic is naturally how Perl is the best programming language … ever. $_=$_**$_; Feel the power!

There are two go-to apps I have on my phone pertaining to alcohol. They both arose from the same problem. I like to try as many beers and wines as I can. Many would lament that is my problem, but that's a topic for another day. The main problem was that when confronted with a second helping of certain beverages at another time, I never could remember (funny how that happens) if I actually liked a certain beer or vintage. So, I needed a way to keep track of what I had been drinking. Burp.

I first turned to Vivino (vivino.com) for assisting in managing my wine habits. Vivino is pretty cool. To add a wine to my collection I just need to snap a photo of the bottle's label. The app then looks for a match so you don't have to enter the tedious details of winery, style and year. It

is amazing how fast and accurate it finds a match. If something is wrong, it is usually the year, which is easy enough to tweak. If for some reason it doesn't find a match, you can submit the label for manual identification. Again, it is incredible how quickly a match is found.

With that match, you are informed of the average five-star rating for the vintage and the average price. In addition, grape makeup, favorable food pairings, and a bunch of other trivia are at your disposal.

To that, you can add your own rating, as well as any specific comments you might have: This ruby rich delight is packed with mouth-watering sumptuousness with hints of bramble, blackberry, boysenberry, Don Cherry, and Frankenberry flourishes (bit.ly/2fAF9CS).

Other features of the app allow you to find new wines you might like and link to friends using Vivino in order to share the most recent spectacular finds. Once you get a few wines entered, the app will start figuring out your taste preferences and offer up top 10 lists appropriate to you. All in all, there is nothing I don't like about the app.

Turning to the world of beer, the most similar app I found is called Untappd (untappd.com). Unlike snapping a photo of the beer label as in Vivino, with Untappd you tap in a few letters of the beer name. Pretty quickly you get a list of matches and then select the one you are drinking.

Once the beer is selected, you see information such as the brewery, style, alcohol content, and the all-important IBU rating (international bitterness unit), as well as the average rating for the beer. A nice feature (that unfortunately never seemed to work well for me) is finding locations nearby offering that beer. This will come in real handy when Hardywood's Gingerbread Stout comes out shortly.

If you are actually drinking the beer, you may do a "check-in," which will then of course tell all your friends that you are having a way better time than they are right now. Untappd is big on badges, or awards you earn for the different beers you drink. For example, I'm looking forward to earning my Brew Lagoon badge next year when visiting Iceland. I just need to drink five different beers from Iceland. I should be able to do that the first night!

Of course, the motto of everyone who drinks should be "drink responsibly," so what apps are out there to help you do that? Surprisingly, there are many (bit.ly/1lvmDsL). The best one seems to be AlcoDroid (bit.ly/2gl4H8j). Every time you have a drink, just enter it and it will keep a running tally of your consumption, along with your estimated blood alcohol content.

If you are diligent about your tracking, it should make you more aware of when to declare enough is enough so you don't end up like this (y2u.be/XRbZtCTzMg8).

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